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Arson behind church blaze: Fire officials

COSTLY A fire that caused hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage to a Halifax church Sunday was caused by arson, say police.

Full Gospel Church on Kearney Lake Road caught fire Sunday afternoon. Though the fire was put out quickly, the heat caused major structural damage to the building that is expected to cost over \$250,000.

Fire officials determined the fire was an arson set inside the building. No one was supposed to be in the building at that time, and police are asking anyone who saw suspicious activity in the area on Sunday afternoon to contact them at 490-5180 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Douglas James Roy Schrader, 22, shown during an earlier court appearance, was arrested June 25 and faces four charges of sexual assault and two of counts committing an indecent act by masturbating in public.

Alleged groper says he's sorry

Schrader, 22, admits to using drugs, alcohol

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A 22-year-old man charged with fondling women's breasts and masturbating in public said yesterday he's sorry.

"I just wish that I could talk to the people that were involved with this — in a way — just to let them know," said Douglas James Roy Schrader from his parents' Dartmouth home at 281 Windmill Rd. "I just want them to understand my situation; that I'm so sorry about everything they had to go through."

Schrader has not yet entered a plea to the charges he's facing, and is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

criminal record

Douglas James Roy Schrader has a criminal record dating back to 2004 with convictions for theft, mischief, breaching probation and fraud.

In a phone interview Schrader explained that he was struggling with alcohol, drugs and depression during the time he's accused of grabbing the breasts of four different women and masturbating in public in south end Halifax.

He said he was taking some unidentified pills he'd bought from a friend and was drinking a lot of alcohol.

Schrader was arrested June 25 and faces four charges of sexual assault and two counts of com-

mitting an indecent act by masturbating in public.

He will appear in court again July 23 and until that time is required to stay at his parents' home only leaving when accompanied by his stepfather, Cecil Nichols, or his mother, Wanda Schrader.

Schrader said that what he's been accused of doing is nothing he's ever had a problem with before.

"I'm nothing like what this situation puts me as; I'm an amazing person, I'm very respectful, I'm very nice," he said.

He said over the past few months he's been trying hard to be a better person.

"I had a girlfriend, I was in love with her and I wanted to better my life but it just seemed like it was going down hill," he said.

Weapons, drug bust sees four arrested

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Police made a massive drug and weapons bust in West Chezzetcook on Wednesday night, arresting four people from a home on Bellefontaine Road.

Chris James Charter, 44, Tamara Lynn Charter, 40, James Francis Charter, 22, Kelsey Leanne McGrath, 19, appeared in Dartmouth provincial court yesterday.

Because police suspected a number of weapons in the home, the Emergency Response Team entered first. The arrests were made without incident at 10 p.m.

Police then seized four handguns, a rifle, a shotgun — some of which were loaded — two bulletproof vests, a stun gun, 200 marijuana plants, 230 grams of cocaine, 3,100 grams of weed, 230 grams of hash, 60 ecstasy tablets, 475 Dilaudid tablets, an undisclosed amount of cash, drug-related items and illegal cigarettes.

"It's a very big seizure for us," RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said.

"It was very concerning to us that these weapons were out there."

Police believe the drugs were destined for the streets of HRM.

"This group seemed to be fairly organized in their distribution of the drugs," Taplin added.

"It's a very big seizure for us. It was very concerning to us that these weapons were out there."

Cpl. Joe Taplin, RCMP spokesman

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Business management diploma in Nunavut

Saint Mary's University is going to Nunavut — again. Starting in September, SMU will offer a business management diploma in Rankin Inlet, designed for government employees. A similar program offered in Iqaluit between 2001 and 2006 had 75 graduates.

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Ahoy, there

Sixty-three per cent of boaters say they're happy with their sex lives according to an Angus Reid Strategies survey done in June. Two-thirds of boaters would rather make out on a boat than go sightseeing.

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Limits applied to Taser use

Government accepts all 16 recommendations of advisory panel

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The province will not put a halt to Taser use but hopes new rules will stop the "usage creep" of officers firing the weapons when they shouldn't.

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke announced yesterday the government would be accepting all 16 recommendations of an advisory panel struck last year after the death of Howard Hyde, a schizophrenic, in a prison.

The death sparked concerns that being Tasered was a factor in Hyde's death. Yesterday, Clarke said there will not be a moratorium on using Tasers — or Conducted Energy Devices — because they are too useful, but he wants to impose strict limits on their use.



PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX

Police officers will continue to be able to use Tasers like this one. But provincial rules have been changed slightly to allow for them only to be used in violent or threatening situations.

"The panel expressly stated, having weighed the science currently available, they believe as I do that there's still instances when CED use is warranted," said Clarke, who added banning Tasers would be unsafe for

both police and the public.

But he also showed concern about how Tasers were being used. Tasers were fired by police 101 times in 2005, but that jumped to 181 times in 2007. The government will slightly alter

the rules, hoping to keep police from using Tasers as a means of compliance.

"Effective immediately, I am placing an interim restriction on the use of the CED to situations of 'violent or aggressive resistance, or

an active threat that may cause serious injury to the officer, the subject or the public."

These rules will apply until a full policy review is complete. But NDP critic Bill Estabrooks criticized the rules as being too vague and similar to the existing guidelines. The main change from previous rules was removing a clause of "other reasonable conditions" that the government decided was too vague.

The province will also hire a "Use of Force Co-ordinator" to help establish new standards on Taser use and training. Estabrooks also criticized this move as "bureaucratic" and a "stall tactic."

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Jeff Carr said the new rules are similar to HRP's existing policies and likely would not be much change.

Dartmouth

Woman died of natural causes

AUTOPSY The death of a 46-year-old Dartmouth woman that was initially considered suspicious was confirmed to be of natural causes yesterday.

The 46-year-old woman was found by her husband at their home on 88 Queen St. in Dartmouth yesterday shortly after midnight. Because the cause of death was not immediately known police considered it possibly suspicious. But an autopsy later showed the woman died of natural causes. Neighbours said the woman had battled cancer and described her as frail.

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News in brief

FUNDRAISER Celebrities and 190 business people raised more than \$60,000 for the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame and amateur sport in Nova Scotia during the July 6-9 East Coast Classic at the Digby Pines Golf Resort.

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Air Canada attendant base axed

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Halifax Air Canada flight attendants are in shock.

The airline is closing the Halifax flight attendant base, axing about 200 jobs. "We are grieving out at the airport today. It's the end of an era for the flight attendants since we've had a base here for 32 years," said flight attendant and union representative Lisa Vivian Anthony.

A few weeks ago Air Canada announced it would cut 2,000 jobs nationwide because of fuel prices.

On Wednesday the union was told 632 flight attendants would be laid off as of Nov. 1 — as part of the lay-off plan — in Halifax, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

"There are 200 flight attendants (in Halifax) whose families, whose children will need to be uprooted," Anthony said. "Hopefully the company will agree to such options as making room for us at the base of our choice, maybe paying our moving expenses."

But Anthony said it won't just impact flight atten-

Industry trend?

Air Canada's affiliate Jazz also said it plans to cut 270 jobs nationwide.

dants: She expects flight delays because crews will need to be flown in.

"Ironically our capacity in and out of Halifax remains unchanged," she said. "Because of our unique location in the country and our time difference, that is going to cause problems for the travelling public."

If a storm causes a delay in Toronto or Montreal, or if flight attendants get sick, it could take half a day for replacement crews to arrive.

"You don't have a base of reserves here anymore."

An Air Canada representative wasn't available for comment yesterday, but Peter Spurway with the Halifax International Airport Authority acknowledged this possible problem.

"But we don't expect it to have significant impacts," he said. "We naturally wish it wasn't happening, but at the same time this is an Air Canada decision based on the announcement they made a couple weeks ago."



Brittany Young, right, and Megan Sloan rehearse safety procedures at the Atlantic Flight Attendant Academy yesterday. Air Canada will be shutting down its flight attendant base in Halifax and about 200 jobs will be cut.

Jobs overseas, with other air carriers keep hopes high at Atlantic academy

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Megan Sloan is looking for a job as a flight attendant and she's not worried over the state of the industry.

She'll graduate at the end of the month from the Atlantic Flight Attendant Academy in Halifax.

"It is a little nerve-wracking, but I feel that Westjet, for example, bought a bunch of new planes and they're still hiring," she

"We have an instructor here for instance who works for Air France in Paris and she commutes out of Halifax."

Academy director Cynthia Sullivan on how flight attendants can still live in Halifax

said.

It's a shame 200 jobs were lost at home, she said, but flight attendants can still live in Halifax and work.

Commuting is easily and extensively done in the industry, said Cynthia Sulli-

van, director of the academy.

"We have an instructor here for instance who works for Air France in Paris and she commutes out of Halifax."

The Air Canada layoffs might have an impact on

future grads, but Sullivan said few of them ever land jobs with Air Canada anyway.

"For the first time in years they hired for the Halifax base in January and they shut down the base a few months later," she said.

Westjet, on the other hand, is expected to hire in August.

Then there are plenty of overseas jobs. Sullivan said one airline in the United Arab Emirates hires 100 flight attendants a week.

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Three boys plead not guilty to sexually assaulting girl at school

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The four boys accused of unlawfully confining and sexually assaulting a girl at a Halifax middle school last month will stand trial next February.

Three of the boys — aged 12 and 13 — entered not guilty pleas in relation to the charges yesterday in Halifax youth court.

Only one boy, a 12-year-old from Hammonds Plains, was present. The others were represented by their lawyers.

The fourth boy also pleaded not guilty last month.

The two 13-year-olds from Upper Hammonds Plains and two 12-year-olds from Hammonds Plains are accused of attacking a girl in a storage room at Madeline

Symonds Middle School during the lunch hour on June 2.

Their trial in court starts Feb. 2 and runs for five days.

The Crown is applying to have the alleged assault designated as a serious violent offence at sentencing.

A youth convicted of three serious violent offences may be sentenced as an adult.

More restrictions Boys barred from talking

Last month, a judge placed more restrictions on the boys' bail conditions, which had only required them to not have any contact with the alleged victim.

Now, they're not allowed to associate with one another or three Crown witnesses, and they're not to have weapons.

The boys from Upper Hammonds Plains are allowed to have contact at summer camp, church and family events.

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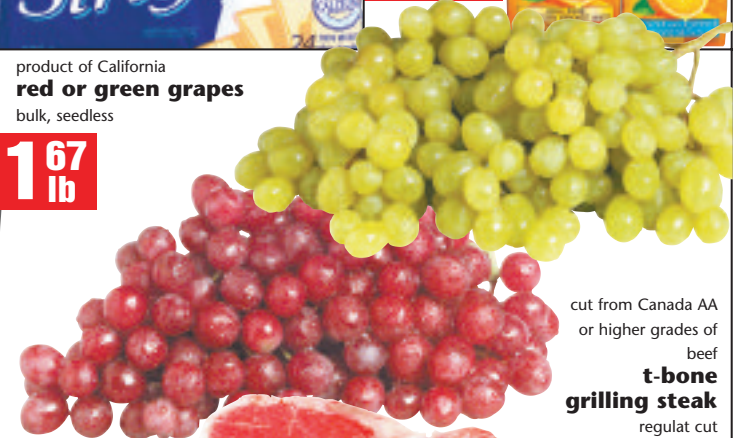
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'It's a Cinderella story'

Corporate sponsors paying for kid ATVs after province backs out

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The province has found a way to recover the \$230,000 it spent on kid-sized off-road vehicles.

"It's really — from our perspective — become a Cinderella story," said a spokesman for the ATV community about corporate sponsors who will step in and pay for the 66 ATVs.

James Anderson with the ATV Association of Nova Scotia wouldn't share the names of the corporate sponsors, saying some would prefer to remain anonymous.

"But you'd be surprised by who some of them are," he said yesterday.

On June 25, Premier Rodney MacDonald publicly reprimanded Health Promotion and Protection



Nova Scotia's ATV association spokesman, James Anderson, said he's thrilled corporate sponsors have stepped in to fund 66 kid-sized safety training ATVs the province backed out of.

Minister Barry Barnet for spending close to a quarter-of-a-million dollars on

kid-sized ATVs for safety training. MacDonald said taxpayer

money shouldn't have been spent in this manner and handed the file over to

instalments

The ATV association will shortly pay \$80,000 back to the province, followed by another \$75,000 in 2009 and \$75,000 in 2010.

Department of Natural Resources Minister David Morse, directing him to recover the funds.

He instructed the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Committee, headed by Laurie Cranton, to find a way to recoup the money and the group came to a consensus on the issue this week.

Morse also kept mum yesterday about who the corporate sponsors are that stepped in to pay the province back for the machines.

"We're very pleased they've been able to make these arrangements," he said.

Premier seeks unity on energy

RIISING PRICES Premier Rodney MacDonald is urging other premiers to join him in addressing the rising cost of energy.

The provincial leaders meet in Quebec City next week and MacDonald said he will meet with the other Atlantic premiers beforehand so they can go to Ottawa as a united front on the issue.

"We shouldn't be working in isolation," he said yesterday.

He said he's concerned about the high cost of gasoline, diesel and home-heating fuel, especially for those Nova Scotians on a fixed income.

He said the province is taking a look at different options around energy efficiency to help people in the province.

New Democrat Leader Darrell Dexter this week unveiled a home-heating strategy to help low-income families this winter.

He said yesterday the premier is a little late on the energy crisis issue and a program to help those in need should have been in the works long before now. "The time for looking at it is well over," he said.

Dexter wants to offer interest-free or low-interest loans to low-income Nova Scotians so they can install insulation and other energy-saving fixes in their homes.

Low-income homeowners would be able to pay back interest-free loans from the savings on their energy bills, he said.

ROBYN YOUNG/METRO HALIFAX

Radio

Three new stations hit the airwaves

CAPE BRETON Radio listeners in Cape Breton have more options, thanks to three new stations that have hit the airwaves in the last few months. The Giant (CHRR 101.9 FM) and The Eagle (CKCH 103.5 FM) broadcast out of the same building in Sydney River, while community station The New Coast (CKOA 89.7 FM) is based in Glace Bay. **METRO HALIFAX**

News in brief

RETAINED Hugh Lynch, chair of Melford International Terminal Inc. (MITI) yesterday announced that MITI has retained CB Richard Ellis (CBRE) to co-ordinate marketing strategies and activities worldwide. CBRE will pursue opportunities with shipping companies, cargo owners and logistics providers. **METRO HALIFAX**

Footloose prisoners spur leg irons order

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Hopefully the days of prisoners on the lam in Nova Scotia are coming to an end. The province is looking for a supply of 200 high-security leg shackles in the wake of three prisoner escapes over the past four months.

"We're not going to take any risks; that's why we're purchasing new units," said Justice Minister Cecil Clarke yesterday.

He said the province has gone with the standard-issue shackles for decades but after evidence the cuffs are easy to tamper with and break open, Clarke said it's time for a change.

"There are alternate leg irons available in the marketplace," he said.

The government issued a tender for model 703HS leg irons on Tuesday and the closing date for bids is July 23.

The shackles they're looking for have MEDECO, high-security lock

"We're not going to take any risks; that's why we're purchasing new units."

Cecil Clarke

cylinders which the tender said are known for their resistance to picking, drilling and "other forms of attack."

On Jun. 26, Michael Edward Slaunwhite, 38, and Vincent John Ryan Currie, 26, briefly escaped custody while being transferred from Burnside jail to Dartmouth provincial court.

The two men got out of their leg irons and ran from the transfer van but Sherif's deputies caught them in the parking lot just moments later.

Jermaine Carvery, who was recaptured in Toronto at the end of June, also apparently tampered with his standard-issue leg shackles when he escaped custody April 3.

The 703HS leg irons on order.



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ACOA and the province gave nearly \$4 million to 13 regional economic development agencies across the province yesterday. RDAs are non-profit groups that work to encourage local economic development. **METRO HALIFAX**

iPhone craze sweeps globe

Long local lineups expected as faster, cheaper gadget unveiled to the masses

The new iPhone is expected to attract hordes of buyers when it goes on sale today in more than 20 countries, helping Apple Inc. handily beat its target to sell 10 million of them by the end of 2008.

Lineups are expected to form early this morning at the Rogers store in the Halifax Shopping Centre.

The much-anticipated smartphone has faster Web links than the first iPhone, supports third-party software like games, and is being heavily subsidized by many phone carriers, with some even giving it away to attract new subscribers.

Atlantic Equities analyst James Cordwell said Apple may sell more than a million new iPhones in the first weekend, partly because it is selling in so many more countries than the first one, which was only available in six.

Some 270,000 people bought the first iPhone in



A line of people who had pre-ordered the new iPhone extends out the front door of a phone shop more than an hour after it opened its doors for business in Sydney July 11, 2008.

the few days after its launch

in late June 2007, after many U.S. customers had lined up for days outside its

stores.

AT&T, the sole U.S. carrier, will shoulder much of the cost for the latest phone

to halve the price.

"They're going to bring users in droves to this product," Deutsche Bank analyst

Chris Whitmore said. He sees Apple burying its own 10 million sales target by selling about 10.5 million of

World's first

Several hundred people waited outside Vodafone shops in New Zealand's three main cities, supplied with music, food and entertainment, before a spirited countdown saw the first person in the world politely ushered through the door to the counter. "I'm going to put this on charge, have a play around with it and have a nice long sleep," said 22-year-old Auckland student Jonny Gladwell, who queued in freezing temperatures for around 60 hours to be the first to buy it.

the new high-speed iPhones this year, having already sold more than 6 million of the first one to date.

Whitmore said price and distribution were two key reasons why the new device, which plays music and supports corporate e-mails, would outsell its predecessor. **REUTERS**



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A woman sunbathes at Chocolate Lake recently. A recent survey found that 78 per cent of 16- to 24-year-olds in Atlantic Canada, and 46 per cent of 25- to 44-year-olds, spend time outdoors in summer without sunscreen.

Region ignores sun warnings

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The leatherback turtle look is apparently coming back in.

A national survey released yesterday shows 78 per cent of 16 to 24-year-olds and 46 per cent of 25 to 44-year-olds in Atlantic Canada are catching rays without using sunscreen or other protection.

Dr. Steven Morris, chair of Cancer Care Nova Scotia's Melanoma Cancer Site Team, said in a press release that the data is concerning, since the region has the among the highest incidence of skin cancer in Canada.

In Nova Scotia, about 2,400 people will be diagnosed with some form of skin cancer this year, says Cancer Care Nova Scotia's press release.

The Canadian Cancer Society study also says 38 per cent of 16 to 24-year-olds and 24 per cent of 25 to 44-year-olds got at least one sunburn in 2006.

And young people are still using tanning beds, despite the society's warning not to use them.

Twenty-three per cent of 16 to 24-year-olds and 15 per cent of 25 to 44-year-olds go for fake bakes.

Take a moonlight tour on Parks Day

Events for Parks Day next Saturday include a moonlight tour of the Shubenacadie wildlife park. For more information, visit www.novascotiaparks.ca. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Jazzing things up **Let the music begin**

Fred Watts hangs a sign for the Atlantic Jazz Festival near the entrance on Queen Street yesterday. The festival is set to kick off today.

Officers walk to offset fuel costs

More C.B. cops patrolling on foot

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More Cape Breton Regional Police officers are out walking the beat these days, but it's not just a cost-cutting measure designed to blunt the impact of high fuel costs on police operations, says Deputy Chief Myles Burke.

It's an increasing emphasis on community policing and a natural result of a larger staff complement that resulted from increased funding from the Department of Justice earlier this year.

Saving on fuel is important, though, Burke added.

"The chief and I have met with senior staff and we're trying to get a real grip on the budget ..."

Deputy Chief
Myles Burke

"The chief and I have met with senior staff and we're trying to get a real grip on the budget, and with the way the price is spiking, we have to do something," he said.

"The spike in gasoline is bad news, but every chance we get, we'll get officers out in the community."

Burke said senior police

officers have been directed to encourage all officers, not just those on patrol, to be conscious of the need to conserve fuel and to emphasize the need to be on the street more to improve policing in general.

In one cost-saving measure, the police service recently sold off four of its large four-by-four vehicles and replaced them with patrol cars and smaller vehicles to save on fuel costs.

The service still has some larger vehicles, and if more are required for special circumstances, they may be rented commercially or borrowed from other parts of the municipal fleet.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

Experience — not gender — setback for skilled workers

DISHEARTENING Tanya Allain has loved the feeling of being behind the wheel of an excavator since the first time she sat in the driver's seat. She loved the feeling so much she decided to go back to school and get her operator's licence. She graduated last April, ready to start her new career.

"I was sick of having dead-end jobs that went nowhere. I thought this would be something I could make a career out of."

Unfortunately, graduation was almost where her new career ended. After sending out close to 20 resumes to both local compa-

"The problem is, how can these people get experience unless someone will give them the experience?"

Marianne Cullip

nies and crews out west, hardly any called her back.

Eventually Allain began to wonder if the fact she is a woman had anything to do with the lack of response.

Gender isn't an issue with Cullip Construction Ltd. of Truro, said Marianne Cullip, adding experience is key

with machinery operators. "No, we would definitely hire a woman if that person had capability, experience and training," she said.

There is a need for skilled workers in the industry, but many small companies can't afford to hire and train an unproven operator.

"The problem is, how can these people get experience unless someone will give them the experience?" she said.

Allain has landed a two-month position with Fundy Compost Inc., and loves it. But after two months she is right back where she started.

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The Saskatchewan government is dropping a court challenge of the federal equalization program. Justice Minister Don Morgan says the province will withdraw a reference the previous NDP government had made. **METRO CANADA**

Canada



Taxi cab company charged

The city of Ottawa has levied its largest fines ever against a so-called "bandit cab" operation. Dynesty Service owes \$56,250 after receiving a \$9,000 fine for each of five separate charges of operating a taxi dispatching service without a license, plus victim surcharges.

PM defends biofuels plan

Denies impact on rising food prices, shortages

Rising energy costs are a far greater factor than biofuels in driving up food prices, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

Many experts blame bio-fuel production for causing grain shortages and food price increases that have put tens of millions of people in danger of falling below the poverty line.

But Harper defended his government's \$1.5 billion plan to promote development of biofuels in Canada.

"There are several causes to the recent rise in food prices and biofuels is probably a factor, but we're convinced that the far greater factor is actually the rise in energy input costs for the production of food," he said.

His comments came a day after Premier Dalton McGuinty said the Ontario



Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, talks with his Japanese counterpart Yasuo Fukuda during their meeting at Fukuda's official residence in Tokyo yesterday.

government is reconsidering a plan to increase the required amount of ethanol in gasoline from 5 per cent to 10 per cent in 2010.

McGuinty, who denied in April that the corn-

based fuel is driving up food prices, said his government is now considering whether it's in the public interest to stick with the 10 per cent commitment.

Harper, who met with

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda, lauded the potential for increased trade with Japan and noted that Toyota and Honda are opening new auto plants in Ontario.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Worst to first, Ontario says

Ontario will go from worst to first in Canada in electronic recycling once new fees are imposed to dispose of old TVs computers and, in the future, other electronics, says Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.

"We've got to take some responsibility to deal with this and we can create some jobs at the same time," McGuinty said.

Yesterday, Ontario put in place a recycling program, including per-item fees, for all televisions and computers sold in Ontario.

Producers and importers will have to start paying the fees, including \$10 for TVs and \$2 to \$13 for computers, beginning April 1, 2009. A program for nearly all other electronics, including telephones, cameras and stereo equipment, will be put forward for approval a year from now.

It has been left up to

"We've got to take some responsibility to deal with this."

Dalton McGuinty

650 The number of recycling drop-off depots that will open across the province for electronics.

businesses to decide if they want to pass on all or part of that fee to consumers. They could add a visible recycling fee to the consumer's bill at the retail level, increase TV and computer prices or absorb the new cost.

In the four other provinces that have electronic recycling programs, a fee is added to the consumer's bill.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Boomers forgetting more with age: Study

MEMORY Six in 10 Canadian baby boomers have experienced a mild form of memory decline in the past year, according to a survey.

"We do know that the brain, like any other organ, deteriorates with age," Nathan Herrmann, head of geriatric psychiatry at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, said in an interview about the study of people aged 40 to 60.

"And we believe that memory function and other areas of cognitive functioning as well, decline with aging."

In the survey, 58 percent



Nathan Herrmann

of the respondents, who have not been diagnosed with any form of dementia, reported symptoms of a disorder called Age Associated Memory Impairment (AAMI).

REUTERS



Reporters examine a map at RCMP Headquarters in Vancouver yesterday that details where five feet have washed ashore in the past year.

Two mysterious B.C. feet linked

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

Two of five disarticulated feet found on the shores of Southwest B.C. belonged to the same man and one of the found feet belonged to a woman, police in Vancouver said yesterday.

The B.C. Coroners Service used DNA analysis to confirm that the foot found

search

Police have narrowed their search of missing persons and have so far eliminated 130 of those cases. As for the fourth foot, police are looking at a list of 159 missing women.

Feb. 8 on Valdes Island and the foot found June 16 on Westham Island — on opposite sides of Georgia Strait — were from the

same unidentified man.

As well, the fourth foot, found May 22 on Kirkham Island in the Fraser River, belonged to a woman. The DNA profile for that foot has not yet been completed. In less than a year, five feet, still in sneakers, have washed up on B.C. shores. The mystery has sparked headlines worldwide and has been the subjects of jokes on late-night talk shows.

Alberta man steals truck that hit him

ANDREW COWIE
for Metro Halifax

An Edmonton man that was hit by a truck stole the vehicle moments later as the driver got out to check on him.

The driver was going south through the city of champion early yesterday when he struck a man running out on the street, breaking the windshield.

The victim fell to the ground and as the driver got out, checking on the condition of the man, several other males on bikes arrived on scene telling the driver he should leave the area.

But when the driver and the men were speaking, the suspect got up from the ground and jumped into the truck, speeding off from the scene.

News in brief

PHARMACEUTICAL The University of Calgary along with counterparts at the University of Georgia, the University of Toledo and Canadian biopharmaceutical company Cangene, have been awarded a \$1.7 million grant from the U.S. National Institutes of Health to develop and test vaccines for use against potential bio-terrorism agents.

ORDER OF CANADA A Windsor, Ont., man named to the Order of Canada after opening up an orphanage for abandoned girls says he won't share the honour with Dr. Henry Morgentaler and plans to return the award. Frank Chauvin is the fifth Order member to make such a statement. It is the third to be returned this week.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Terror trial hears of bomb plot

Accused terrorist Momin Khawaja promised London bomb plotters there would be "fireworks" when he completed as many as 30 of the so-called Hi-Fi Digimonster remote control triggering devices, a court heard yesterday. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

canada **11**Calgary **Stampede**

Lindsay Sears of Nanton, Alta., rides her way to a time of 17.43 in the Barrel Racing event at the Calgary Stampede Rodeo yesterday.

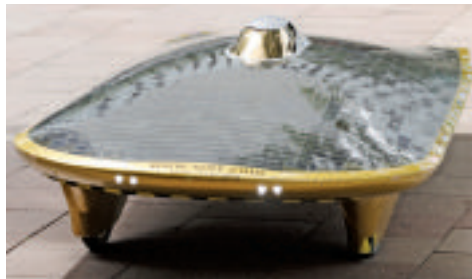
Solar car a shining example

VICTORIA HANDSIDES
Metro Canada

Marcello Da Luz says he'll break a world-record with his solar-powered car come hell or high water, and that when it's all over, he hopes to end up in the slammer.

Da Luz rolled up to the Edmonton City Hall yesterday afternoon in a spacecraft-like solar-powered car with nary a sound.

He started a journey of 16,000 km in Buffalo, N.Y., and hopes to make it to Inuvik, N.W.T., well before the perpetual darkness of



Marcello DaLuz pulls his solar-powered car up behind Edmonton City Hall yesterday afternoon.

winter, so he'll be able to make it home.

Making it home at all might prove challenging for the former flight atten-

dant. The province of Ontario is the only place in the world that's banned his \$1-million invention that he drives laying on his

back.

"Once I get back to Buffalo, I will try to enter Ontario, and hopefully they will arrest me," Da Luz said. "I do not like to see them challenge what I'm trying to do here."

In order to uphold the ruling of the Ontario government, De Luz has had to travel across seven American states in order to get to Canada.

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**Harper rejects appealing to U.S. for release of Khadr**

INVESTIGATION The government should launch an arm's-length criminal investigation of the Canadian officials who interrogated Omar Khadr at Guantanamo Bay, human rights lawyers demanded a day after revelations that foreign affairs officials knew the Toronto-born captive had been abused.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper rejected any possibility of asking the U.S. administration to send Khadr home in light of the evi-

dence of abuse.

"My answer is no," Harper told reporters in Tokyo as he wrapped up his trip to Asia. "Mr. Khadr is charged with extremely serious crimes."

Liberal members, some in power during Khadr's early incarceration, called it "shameful" Harper would not act in light of the revelations, and denied knowledge of the report that refers to Khadr's treatment.

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Two cosmonauts floated outside the International Space Station yesterday to remove a so-called explosive bolt from their Soyuz capsule in hopes of fixing a problem that led to rough landings for two previous crews. **REUTERS**

World

"The challenges are still great and the relief operation is by no means over"

UN humanitarian affairs chief John Holmes said of the relief effort in the cyclone-ravaged nation of Myanmar.

Plea for funds

The United Nations appealed yesterday for more than \$300 million in additional aid for Myanmar to cope with the effects of a cyclone two months ago that left 138,000 people dead or missing.

Iran defies U.S., fires more missiles

Iran tested more missiles in the Gulf yesterday, state media said, and the United States reminded Tehran that it was ready to defend its allies.

The United States, which accuses Tehran of seeking nuclear arms, said after Iran test-fired nine missiles on Wednesday that there should be no more such tests if Iran wanted the world's trust. An intelligence official in Washington said there had been a second test and that it was small.

U.S. leaders have not ruled out military options if diplomacy fails to assuage fears about Iran's nuclear program, which Tehran says is only to produce electricity.

Israel, which has long been assumed to have its own atomic arsenal, has sworn to prevent Iran from

emerging as a nuclear-armed power. Last month it staged an air force exercise that stoked speculation about a possible assault on Iranian nuclear sites.

"The ... maneuver brings power to the Islamic Republic of Iran and is a lesson for enemies."

Commander-in-Chief Mohammad Ali Jafari

vowed to strike back at Tel Aviv, as well as U.S. interests and shipping, if it is attacked, asserting that missiles fired during war games in the Gulf included some that could hit Israel and U.S. bases in the region.

Iran, the world's fourth largest oil producer, has

driven wing of Iran's armed forces — had fired ground-to-sea, surface-to-surface and sea-to-air missiles overnight. Long-range missiles were also launched.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said on a visit to the former Soviet republic of Georgia that no one should doubt Washington's commitment to protect its allies.

"We are also sending a message to Iran that we will defend American interests and ... the interests of our allies," she said.

Iranian state TV and radio said the Revolutionary Guards — the ideologically

driven wing of Iran's armed forces — had fired ground-to-sea, surface-to-surface and sea-to-air missiles overnight. Long-range missiles were also launched.

"The ... maneuver brings power to the Islamic Republic of Iran and is a lesson for enemies," Guards Commander-in-Chief Mohammad Ali Jafari was quoted as saying.

REUTERS

2.5 tons of cocaine found in Pacific Ocean

SEIZURE Costa Rica's Coast Guard seized 2.5 tons of cocaine bobbing in the Pacific Ocean following intelligence information on smuggling gangs, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The Coast Guard picked up 126 bags stuffed with

bricks of cocaine near an island off Costa Rica's northwest coast and an empty speedboat nearby, but did not catch any drug traffickers, said spokesman Jesus Urena.

"There were reports that there was going to be a big

shipment of drugs, so we increased patrols and found the drugs on Wednesday afternoon," he said.

Costa Rican authorities generally pick up around 20 tonnes a year of cocaine headed for the lucrative U.S. market.

REUTERS

U.S. Politics Staying in touch



U.S. Senator and Democratic Presidential candidate Barack Obama is led off the stage by U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton after the two appeared together at a "Women for Obama" campaign event in New York City, yesterday.

UK might expand visa requirements

Britain announced yesterday that it is considering expanding visa requirements to citizens from 11 additional countries including South Africa.

Nationals from more than 100 countries, equivalent to three-quarters of the world's population, need a visa to come to the United Kingdom.

But following a "Visa Waiver Test" of all non-European countries, the government said there is a "strong case" to add 11 more.

These are: Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Lesotho,

fingerprinting

Under a new system introduced in April, all visa applicants to Britain need to have their fingerprints checked before travelling.

Malaysia, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela.

The test looked at the level of risk nationals from countries posed in terms of illegal immigration, and crime and security. Britain said visitors from these countries will now need a six-month visa.

REUTERS

News in brief

SECURITY TIES Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan pledged yesterday to strengthen security and economic ties with Iraq and urged the region to do more to help the Baghdad government rebuild after years of war.

WEDDING GIFT Guests at an Israeli wedding hall can now insert a credit card into a machine at its entrance, tap in a sum and leave a gift for the bride and groom.

SOUR MILK EU workers are struggling with thousands of liters of sour milk from burst cartons clogging up a central mail registry after German farmers posted them to Brussels to protest against low dairy prices, officials say.

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Cuban reorganization

Cuba has begun decentralizing decision-making in construction, in the second major reorganization of an industry since Raul Castro became president in February, official media reported yesterday. **REUTERS**

UN urges population control

WOMEN'S RIGHTS As thousands of groups in 140 countries prepare to mark World Population Day today, the United Nations is calling for more action to promote women's rights and reduce the millions of deaths resulting from unwanted pregnancies.

"The importance of World Population Day this year is to advance women's empowerment and particularly to ensure universal access to reproductive health," Purnima Mane, deputy executive director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), told Reuters in an interview.

World Population Day, set by the United Nations Development Programme in 1989, will be marked by events from university campuses in Afghanistan and the streets of Nepal to mosques in Yemen and a congressional debate in Washington.

According to the UNFPA, contraception can prevent 2.7 million infant deaths a year, reduce poverty, slow population growth and ease the pressure on the environment. **REUTERS**

Georgia recalls envoy in Russia over jet sorties

CONFRONTATION Georgia recalled its ambassador from Moscow yesterday after Russia said it had sent its fighter jets into its neighbour's airspace to prevent Georgian troops attacking a separatist region.

Russia acknowledged the fighter sorties a few hours after U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, on a visit to the Georgian capital, urged Moscow to help ease tensions in the strategic region instead of adding to them.

Georgia's pro-Western government is locked in a confrontation with Russia over two Georgian regions — South Ossetia and Abkhazia — which have rejected Tbilisi's rule and are receiving support from Moscow.

"We will take some aggressive diplomatic steps in order to respond adequately to Russia's actions. One such step is that from today, we are recalling our ambassador in Russia for consultations," Georgian Foreign Minister Ekaterine Tkeshelashvili told a news briefing. **REUTERS**

Move over road rage: Work rage growing problem

AFFECTING MILLIONS Anger in the workplace — employees and employers who are grumpy, insulting, short-tempered or worse — is shockingly common and likely growing as Americans cope with woes of rising costs,

job uncertainty or overwhelming debt, experts say.

"It runs the gamut from just rudeness up to pretty extreme abusive behaviors," said Paul Spector, professor of organizational psychology at the Uni-

versity of South Florida. "The severe cases of fatal violence get a lot of press but in some ways this is more insidious because it affects millions of people."

Nearly half of U.S. workers in America report yelling and verbal abuse

on the job, with roughly a quarter saying it has driven them to tears.

Other research showed one-sixth of workers reported anger at work has led to property damage, while a tenth reported violence and fear their work-

place might not be safe.

"People are coming to work after a long commute, sitting in traffic watching their discretionary income burn up," said workplace consultant John Challenger.

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AT&T and Time Warner's AOL unit have agreed to purge their Internet servers of websites that traffic child pornography, New York State's attorney general said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Gas price protest **Harnessing horse power**



A protester in national costume stands by a horse mockingly pulling a bus as they take part in a protest in Russia's Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk yesterday. Car owners and drivers gathered to protest against the increase in gasoline prices.

UN rep condemns use of child soldiers

DARFUR REGION Sudan's government and Darfur's rebel groups are all using child soldiers in violation of international law, the UN rights rapporteur in Sudan, Sima Samar, said yesterday.

On her sixth and possi-

bly final visit to Sudan since her appointment in 2005, Samar also condemned a Darfur rebel attack on the capital Khartoum in May in which more than 200 people were killed and hundreds were wounded. **REUTERS**

News in brief

EXPENSIVE DATES A tennis match with former prime minister Tony Blair and a lunch with Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson each attracted five-figure bids at the British Labour Party's fundraiser auction today. **REUTERS**

Star witness absent in London sex case

Auto racing president suing newspaper

A star defence witness failed to turn up in a privacy case involving sado-masochistic sex and the head of world motor racing at London's High Court yesterday.

The witness, a prostitute who secretly filmed a basement orgy involving motor

racing boss Max Mosley and four other women, some dressed in German military garb, gave no reason for her failure to appear, leaving the defence at a loss.

Mosley, 68, president of Formula One's governing body the International Automobile Federation (FIA) and son of Britain's 1930s

Fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley, brought the case against The News of the World newspaper, which last year published lurid photos and video taken at the orgy.

The case was adjourned and will resume on Monday, when closing arguments are expected. **REUTERS**

British PM no Heathcliff, critics say

RIDICULE British Prime Minister Gordon Brown sought to soften his image yesterday with a chatty interview that pried into his private life, but drew ridicule after he compared himself to a tormented literary character.

Brown — frequently referred to as a dour Scot who lacks people skills — spoke about his sleep patterns and nail-biting habit in an interview with New Statesman magazine.

He also conversed with

Popularity slump

Brown has slumped so low in opinion polls that opposition Conservatives are on track for a landslide win in the next general election, due by 2010.

young voters on YouTube.

But Brown's critics seized on a light-hearted comment in which he likened himself to Heathcliff, the brooding, romantic anti-hero of Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights*.

When his interviewer said Brown reminded some of Heathcliff, he answered: "Absolutely correct. Maybe an older Heathcliff, a wiser Heathcliff."

Heathcliff wandered the Yorkshire moors, tortured by the ghost of his lost love.

Opponents and critics seized on the comments. Some mischievous lawmakers suggested the ghost tormenting Brown was that of his predecessor and old rival, Tony Blair. **REUTERS**



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All work, little play

Many Canadians on job while vacationing: Survey

It is corporate co-dependence run amok.

Almost one quarter of Canadians deliberately stay "connected to work" while on vacation, even though half of us also confess to indulging in holiday planning while at work, suggest a pair of surveys released yesterday by Monster Canada.

The career portal's first on-line survey of 1,439 Canadians suggests many of us simply live to work. Among its key findings, nearly one in four Canadians admitted to checking e-mail and telephone messages during their holiday time. A startling 17 per cent admit they "never really stop working," while a similar number fess up to making themselves available to their bosses "for emergencies only" while on holidays.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"Many Canadians seem to be missing the point when it comes to taking holidays."

Monster Canada's Peter Gilfillan

Only 43 per cent of respondents said they "do not work at all," the survey said.

"Many Canadians seem to be missing the point when it comes to taking holidays," said Peter Gilfillan vice-president of sales with Monster Canada.

A second Monster Canada survey of 1,792 Canadians found that some 50 per cent of respondents admitted to planning their vacations while on the job.



U.S. Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke, right, and U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson address a hearing of the House Financial Services Committee in Washington yesterday.

U.S. officials urge regulatory overhaul

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points jump in Nasdaq index following comments in Congress.

U.S. policy-makers said yesterday they were doing everything possible to restore calm to financial markets, but stressed to lawmakers that a longer-term regulatory overhaul was vital to avert future crises.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson told Congress they agreed the Fed needs a stronger hand in supervising investment banks and help shield the broader economy from problems like the ones that forced the emergency rescue of investment bank Bear Stearns.

"We should consider how to most appropriately give the Federal Reserve the authority to access necessary information from complex financial institutions ... and the tools to intervene to mitigate systemic risk in advance of a crisis," Paulson told Congress. **REUTERS**

Petro-Canada shuts refinery

AIRLINES Petro-Canada said yesterday it has shut down its 135,000 barrel per day refinery in Edmonton after an unspecified incident forced the company to depressurize some units after steam boilers lost water.

Kelli Stevens, a spokeswoman for the company, said Petro-Canada can't yet say when the facility will return to normal operation. "We want to bring it back safely and as quickly as possible," she said. **REUTERS**

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News in brief

AIRLINES The chief executives of 12 U.S. airlines have written an open letter to customers asking for their help in curbing the speculation they say is partly to blame for sky-high fuel prices. **REUTERS**

METALS Aluminum jumped to a record high 3,380 per tonne yesterday on output cuts in top producer China. **REUTERS**

CO2 capture plans unveiled

Enhance Energy Inc said yesterday it plans to build Alberta's first major carbon dioxide pipeline system to ship the greenhouse gas to old oil fields, where it can boost output.

Enhance said the pipeline will be located in central Alberta, where it will capture carbon dioxide

emissions from an oil sands upgrading plant planned by North West Upgrading Inc. and a fertilizer plant operated by Agrium Inc.

The move comes two days after Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach announced \$2 billion in funding for carbon capture and storage projects. **REUTERS**

green benefits

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Beijing Games

Romanian team drops Popescu

ATHLETICS Liliana Popescu, the fastest women's 1,500-metre runner this year, has been dropped from Romania's Olympic team under suspicion of doping, the local athletics federation (FRA) said yesterday.

"At the moment, Liliana Popescu does not belong to the athletics team for Beijing on suspicion of doping," FRA head Sorin Matei said.

Sarkozy defends Beijing decision

POLITICS French President Nicolas Sarkozy insisted yesterday he had the backing of all European capitals for his decision to attend the opening of the Beijing Olympics as holder of the EU presidency.

"All the member states gave their agreement for me to participate in the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games," he said.

Terror attacks foiled, China says

CRIME China said yesterday that it had foiled five "terrorism groups" plotting attacks targeting the Beijing Olympics, as the government cracks down on perceived threats to the Games. In the first six months of the year, police detained 82 people, the state-run Xinhua news agency said. **REUTERS**

Sports in brief

BOXING Thailand's Olympic champion boxer Manus Boonjumnong will turn professional after the Beijing Games, the country's boxing chief said on yesterday.

SOCCER World soccer's governing body FIFA yesterday reminded clubs that they must release any players aged under 23 who are called up by their countries for the Olympics. **REUTERS**

Monday's lineup

GOING FOR GOLD Canada is making its first appearance at the Games since women's soccer was included in 1996. "We want to win gold," says player Christine Sinclair. Pick up Monday's Metro for more.

27 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.



The men's water polo team, clockwise from bottom left: Aaron Feltham, Kevin Mitchell, Robin Randall, Nathaniel Miller and captain Thomas Marks.

Underdogs no longer

First time in history men's water polo team has qualified for Games

KRISTA SYLVESTER
Metro Canada

Once the absent underdogs of the sport, the Canadian men's water polo team is looking to make a big splash at the Olympics in Beijing.

The 2008 Beijing Olympics will mark the first time in history the Canadian men's team has qualified to represent the nation in the water sport, although Canada was a last-minute invitation to the 1984 Olympics after Moscow boycotted.

"We have already made history by qualifying for the Olympics, so there isn't a lot of added pressure on us," head coach Dragon Jovanovic tells Metro. "We will go and do our best and prove to the world we deserve to be there."

Jovanovic, a former water polo goaltender from the former Yugoslavia, was hired by Water Polo Canada to coach the team four years ago.

"They are a great bunch of guys, they are very committed and they really work well together. We're

History of the water polo team

1972: Canada was invited to compete in Munich after one of the qualified countries declined.

1976: Canada earned an automatic berth for being the host country.

1980: Canada boycotted the Moscow Olympics.

1984: Moscow then boycotted the '84 Games in Los Angeles and Canada received the last-minute invitation.

2004: Canada failed to qualify for the Olympics in Athens and coach Dragon Jovanovic was hired.

2008: Canada beats host team Romania to advance to the Olympics. Off to Beijing in August to compete.

hitting our toughest training yet," he said.

There are currently 17 players fighting for 13 positions for the Olympics, and the final team won't be decided until right before the Games, according to the coach.

The players range in age from 18-29, and hail from across Canada, calling Calgary their training headquarters because of the "state of the art" Talisman Centre where they practise.

"Even if they miss their homes, they want to play water polo and this is their home now," Jovanovic said.

Calgary Mount Royal College student Kevin Mitchell, 26, told Metro he is excited to take part in

"We will go and do our best and prove to the world we deserve to be there."

Dragon Jovanovic

the Olympic experience, one he calls a "dream come true."

"It's amazing. I really can't wait to live the whole Olympic experience, it's something you imagine but can't believe it's happening," he said.

Mitchell recalled the "adrenaline rush" of beating home team Romania at the Olympic qualifier tournament this year.

"It was probably the best feeling of my life after put-



Team captain Thomas Marks shows off his Olympic spirit.

ting seven years into this and to make it now, especially as underdogs, is exhilarating," he says. "We did what others thought we couldn't."

The team just returned from a month-long trip to Europe, where they beat Italy and Greece, and coach Jovanovic said they

looked in fine form.

"The challenge now is we don't have any matches in July, so we just have to continue to train hard," he said. "These guys are working hard though, and we have a plan in place to be recognized as a serious contender in the upcoming years."

MLB

Toronto Blue Jays centre-fielder Vernon Wells will miss the next four-to-six weeks with a Grade 2 strain of his left hamstring, the club revealed yesterday. Wells suffered the injury while stealing a base on Wednesday night. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Longoria, Hart all-stars

Tampa Bay Rays third baseman Evan Longoria, left, and Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Corey Hart were chosen by a record number of voters as the final two all-stars yesterday. Longoria received a record nine million of the 47.8 million votes cast, while Hart got eight million. **Metro News Services**

Bonds close to MLB return

Contending team likely to take a chance on troubled home run king

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Like it or not, **Barry Bonds** probably will return to the major leagues after next week's all-star break.

Bonds has been working out daily and is poised to join a contender. Clubs have resisted temptations to sign the home-run king this season, partly because of his age (he'll be 44 this month) and largely because of his off-field problems (steroid allegations), but MLB sources tell Metro the general mindset is changing.

"Bonds can make the difference to a team aiming to win a championship," an AL general manager said. "In the first half, no one wanted to touch him because of the circus that would come along with him. But, now, the pros on signing Bonds would likely outweigh the cons for a team in a pennant race."

Most likely team for Bonds: The Arizona Diamondbacks, who have lost outfielder **Eric Byrnes** for the season because of a hamstring injury.

• Before they obtained pitcher **C.C. Sabathia** from the Cleveland Indians the other day, the Brewers rejected a trade proposal from the Blue Jays that would have sent pitcher **A.J. Burnett** to Milwaukee for



"The pros on signing (Barry) Bonds would likely outweigh the cons for a team in a pennant race."

Unnamed AL general manager

shortstop **J.J. Hardy** ... (What's with all the initials?) ... The Philadelphia Phillies are hunting for a pitcher and covet Burnett and Ontarian **Erik Bedard** of the Seattle Mariners ... The Tampa Bay Rays, determined to prove their first-place status in the AL East is no fluke, hope to bolster their roster by acquiring both outfielder **Matt Holliday** and relief pitcher **Brian Fuentes** from the Colorado Rockies.

• And, speaking of major trade possibilities, there's a blockbuster brewing in the

NBA, too.

The Detroit Pistons, we hear, are making a big pitch to the Houston Rockets for perennial all-star **Tracy McGrady**.

• So both **Shaun Marcum** and **Dustin McGowan** are out now with injuries to their throwing arms, and you can't help but wonder about those mouth guards and necklaces they've been wearing on the mound all season.

Both of the Jays' young pitchers have insisted that these mouth guards and necklaces were being worn

for health reasons, not as fashion statements.

"They're more circulation devices for general health," said **Bart Given**, the Jays' assistant general manager. "I don't think you can say these devices were supposed to prevent them from getting arm injuries."

• And CFL sources tell Metro the B.C. Lions plan to pursue two quarterbacks in trade talks if they lose to the Blue Bombers and fall to 0-3 in Winnipeg tonight.

One of them is their old QB — **Dave Dickenson**.

For details, and lots more on the league, check out my latest CFL Report, exclusive-ly at www.metronews.ca.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Blue Jays complete sweep of Orioles

MLB Adam Lind's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted the Blue Jays to a 6-5 win over the visiting Baltimore Orioles, as Toronto completed a three-game sweep last night.

Lind also had three hits and two runs scored while David Eckstein notched two RBI for the Blue Jays, who have won four of their last five games and seven of their last 11 overall.

Pirates 4 Yankees 2 — Nate McLouth hit a two-run home run and Paul Maholm threw eight solid innings, as the Pittsburgh

Pirates beat the New York Yankees in an interleague makeup game.

Twins 7 Tigers 6 — Justin Morneau capped his five-hit day with the go-ahead home run in the top of the 11th for the Minnesota Twins, who edged Detroit in the opener of a four-game set with the Tigers.

Indians 12 Rays 2 — Ben Francisco went 3-for-5 with a career-high RBI, including one of Cleveland's four home runs, as the Indians routed Tampa Bay in the first of a four-game series.

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Playing friendly Canada earns draw with Brazil



Canada's Christine Sinclair beats Brazil's Erika to the ball during an international friendly last night in Toronto. Sinclair scored Canada's lone goal in a 1-1 draw.

Sports in brief

NHL The Vancouver Canucks signed free agent forward Pavol Demitra yesterday to a two-year contract worth a reported \$8 million US. Demitra, 33, compiled 15 goals and 39 assists in 68 games last season with the Minnesota Wild.

NHL The Edmonton Oilers signed unrestricted free agent defenceman Jason Strudwick to a one-year contract yesterday. Strudwick, who turns 33 next week, spent the past three seasons with the New York Rangers.

NBA Forward Corey Maggette officially signed with the Golden State Warriors yesterday. The deal is reportedly for five years and worth \$50 million US.

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Defending champion Halifax City Salty's will face Dartmouth United Super City Windows tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Wickwire Field. It's a clash of two of the top women's teams in the Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership. **METRO HALIFAX**

Moose camp set for late August

HOCKEY The Halifax Mooseheads will open training camp at Cole Harbour Place a little bit later than usual this season.

The Mooseheads' camp starts Thursday, Aug. 28, with the arrival of camp invitees. A two-day four-on-four tournament follows on Friday, Aug. 29, and Saturday, Aug. 30.

That's about two weeks later than usual. They Herd opens its four-game

Quebec Major Junior Hockey League pre-season schedule on Sunday, Aug. 31, against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in Sydney.

Two pre-season games will be played in Halifax, with the Screaming Eagles visiting the Forum on Sept. 1 and the Moncton Wildcats visiting the Sportsplex on Sept. 5.

The Mooseheads open the regular season on Friday, Sept. 12, when they visit the Screaming Eagles. Their home-opener is on Friday, Sept. 19 against the Val-d'Or Foreurs.

METRO HALIFAX

Becker ready for Challenger

Bridgewater tennis sensation easing himself into professional career

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Adam Becker is getting a head start on his pro tennis career.

The Bridgewater native is competing in qualifying action this weekend for an ATP Challenger tournament in Moncton, with must-win matches starting tomorrow.

Becker, who recently completed his senior year of NCAA Division 1 tennis at the University of Texas at San Antonio, is planning to play in regular pro tournaments starting early next year.

"It's a good way to start things off," Becker said. "It's pretty hard to get into a Challenger, usually. You usually start at the Futures level and then work your way up ... So to be in a Challenger right away is a pretty big opportunity for me."

There was just one Atlantic Canadian spot up for grabs in the qualifier, and Becker nabbed it last month by beating Halifax's Phil Anderson in the pre-qualifier in Moncton.

"To be in a Challenger (tournament) right away is a pretty big opportunity for me."

Adam Becker

Qualifying means a shot at the \$35,000 in prizes and a chance to test his skills against an about 50 pros.

It's the first time a pro tournament has been held in New Brunswick, and the first time in 12 years one has been played in Atlantic Canada. Halifax hosted a Challenger in 1992 and a Davis Cup Americas Zone event in 1998.

Becker would need to win three matches to qualify, and might get a replacement spot if he wins two. He will not know until tonight who his opponent will be in the first round.

"I would guess it's going to be tough," he said. "There's another (Challenger) going on now in Granby, Que., and from what I saw, it's pretty high level. The same guys are going to make their way



Adam Becker will face must-win matches beginning tomorrow at the ATP Challenger tournament.

(to Moncton), so it won't be easy."

Becker, who went 11-9 in singles in his final year at UTSA, has been training in Texas this summer. He will

stay there in the fall for a school internship, then head to Europe after the semester to see how he fares on the pro circuit.

"It will be hard," Becker

admitted. "The chances of making a career out of it are very slim, but I'm just going to try to give it a shot while I'm still young and somewhat in shape."

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Flynn hoping for Meagher gains

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Sebastian Flynn is one of many local athletes eager to participate in the Aileen Meagher International Track Classic.

The Dartmouth native and McGill Redmen runner will hit the track at Huskies Stadium tonight in the 15th annual meet, which starts at 6:30 p.m. and features a dozen races.

It is Nova Scotia's showcase track event.

"It's the best meet we have, competition-wise," said Flynn, who is a veteran of the Aileen Meagher. "It's a great event. When there

are people here running from other provinces, it's very nice to have. They can be very competitive races."

A total of \$7,200 in prizes is up for grabs, with dozens of Nova Scotians mixed in with elite international runners.

The star of the meet will be East Jeddore native Adrienne Power, who is expected to get a warm welcome after qualifying for the Beijing Olympics on the weekend in Windsor, Ont. Power will compete in the 100 and 200 metres.

Antigonish's Eric Gillis,

who is currently appealing his exclusion from the Olympic team, will be on hand for the 1,500.

Flynn is coming off a good freshman year at McGill. He was named Quebec's top rookie and a first-team all-star in cross country, and captured the half-marathon crown at the Blue Nose International Marathon in May.

The Prince Andrew grad is competing in the 3,000 metres, a shorter distance his specialty, the 5K.

"I'm more distance than I am speed," Flynn said. "But I'm looking forward to it. I'll see where my fitness is, where my motivation is, and see where I am right now overall."



Flynn

LeBlanc halfway to victory

GOLF Clare's Mireille LeBlanc is pulling away at the Nova Scotia Golf Association women's amateur championship.

The Meteghan River, Digby Co., native posted a 7-over 79 yesterday at the West Pubnico Golf and Country Club near Yarmouth. She has a two-day total of 155 and is out

in front of Anne Balsers of The Pines by six strokes.

Defending champ Laura Harris of Ken-Wo (79-83-162) is in third at the 72-hole event, seven strokes off the lead. River Hills' Carla Smith (81-83-164) and Grandview's Crista Romero Fitzpatrick (79-87-166) round out the top five.

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Sports in brief

GOLF Paragon's Leslie Houde holds a two-stroke lead after yesterday's opening round of the Nova Scotia Golf Association senior women's championship at the West Pubnico Golf and Country Club. Houde shot a 9-over 81. Dartmouth's Jean E. Boudreau of Hartlen Point is second with an 83.

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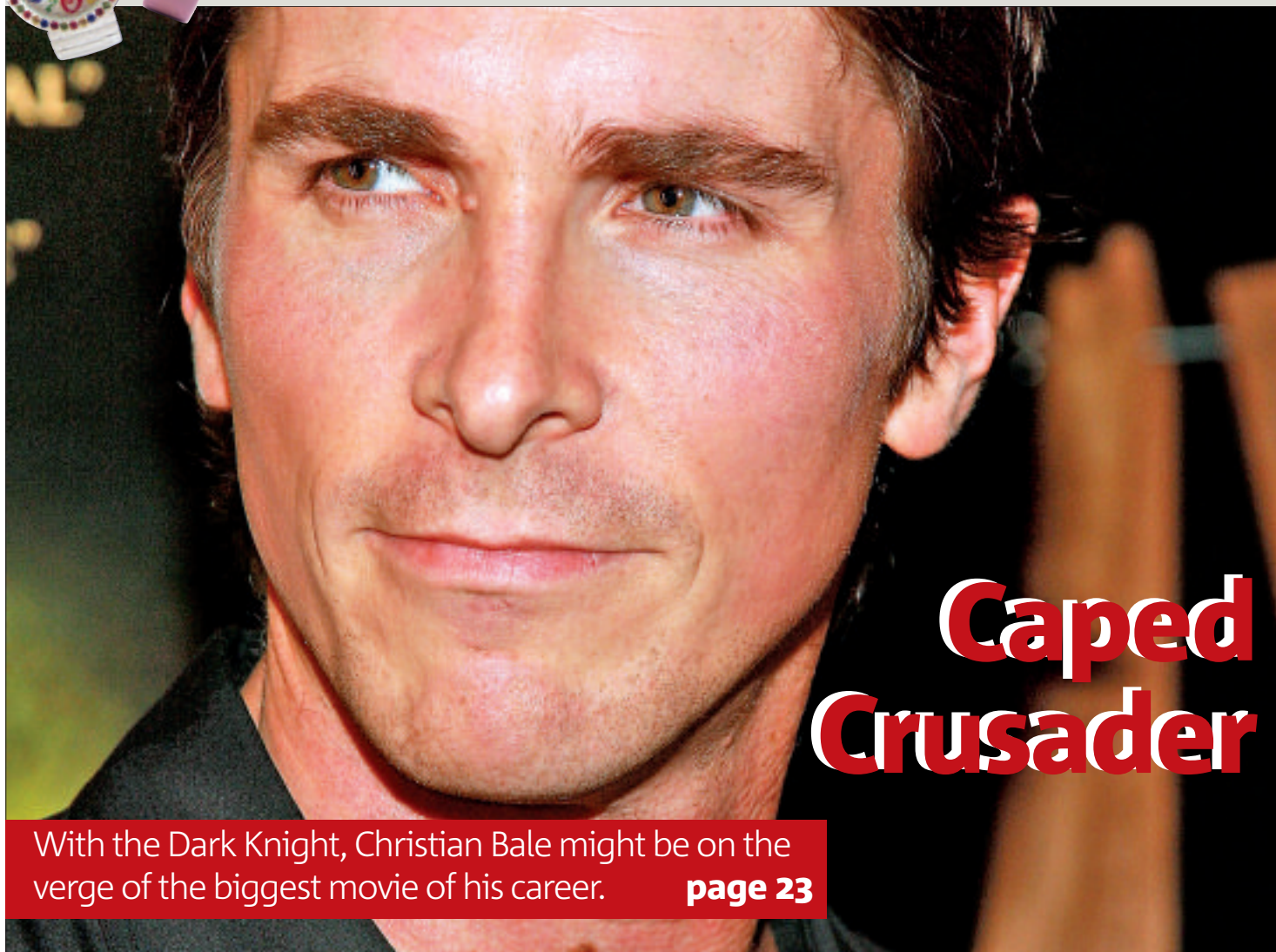
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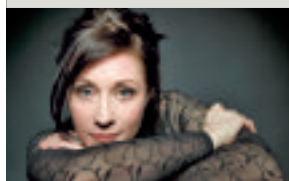
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Ron Sexsmith's
trip to Exit



Caped Crusader

With the Dark Knight, Christian Bale might be on the verge of the biggest movie of his career. **page 23**



Going Out, page 28 **Atlantic Jazz Festival**

Halifax-native **Holly Cole** still remembers her first time hearing jazz as a 15-year-old hitchhiker.



Music

Sexsmith plots Exit Strategy

Veteran Toronto singer-songwriter adds a little Cuban flavour on latest album

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A lot of people are afraid to fly, but that phobia is especially problematic if you also happen to be a popular musician. "I'm not too big on flying," says veteran singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith. "Actually, every time I have to get on a plane I get terrified."

So when the guitarist was offered a free trip to Cuba to record with some of the country's best horn players, he almost said no. "That was the only thing that got in the way," he says, over the phone from his Toronto home.

Luckily, Sexsmith made the five-day trek, which was paid for by Martin Terefe, the producer of the artist's new record Exit Strategy for the Soul, and recorded the song Brighter Still with Alexander Abreu and other well-known Cuban musicians. "They have the best horn players down there," says Sexsmith, "so I thought it



Exit Strategy for the Soul is the 11th album for singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith.

would be a good experience for me."

Although Sexsmith says he spent most of his time in Cuba drinking and walking to the studio, he

still managed to create an upbeat, yet soothing track that has, expectedly, some of the best musicianship that's ever graced one of his records.

And that's saying a lot. Exit is the artist's 11th album — his first release was a cassette in 1985. In that time Sexsmith has befriended Elton John, Elvis

Costello, Chris Martin and other legendary musicians and made a name for himself around the world, though he's still not financially successful enough to tour exactly the way he'd like. "It would be great to bring out a horn section," he says. "But sometimes I can't afford to put on the show I want to."

Another thing he'd like to do, but can't, is bring Leslie Feist on stage to sing Brandy Alexander, a song they co-wrote and which appears on Sexsmith's new record and Feist's smash hit The Reminder. That, however, isn't because of a lack of dough — Feist is just too busy these days.

He tried to get the Grammy-nominated chanteuse to sing a gospel backing track on the song, but no such luck. "I wrote that part for her to sing, but she's so swamped now, I couldn't get a response if she'd do it." Not that it mattered in the end: Erin Moran, also known as A Girl Called Eddy, filled in nicely.

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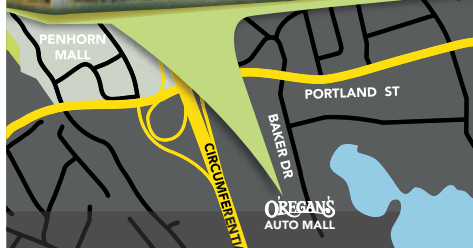
Ron Sexsmith

Thanks to Feist's minimalist rendition, Brandy Alexander will be the most recognizable tune on the record, but there are plenty of other gems on this calm, catchy disc. Song One Last Round is a relatively rollicking tune about global warming, while Thoughts and Prayers is maybe the sweetest song on the album.

Now that Sexsmith has recorded in Cuba, there can't be anything more that he'd want out of his career, right?

"Well, I've always wanted to make a covers album," he says. "But I'm already writing songs for my next record. So it's still on my to-do list."

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Beatles drum skin sells at auction

The hand-painted drum skin that appeared on the sleeve of the Beatles' ground-breaking 1967 album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band sold for \$1.1 million at an auction on Thursday, four times its estimate.

Billed as the "world's most famous drum skin," it was the star lot of Christie's rock and pop memorabilia sale in London, and eclipsed the

other highlight, John Lennon's handwritten lyrics for hit song Give Peace a Chance.

The manuscript still fetched \$834,000 US, well above pre-sale expectations of around \$500,000.

It was sold by comedy writer and presenter Gail Renard, who was 16 when Lennon and Yoko Ono staged their famous "Bed-In" at a hotel in Montreal

in 1969. Renard and a friend sneaked into the Queen Elizabeth Hotel where the recently married Lennon and Ono were holding a protest for peace, and became friendly with the couple.

According to Christie's, Lennon gave Renard some mementos, including the lyrics, telling her: "One day they will be worth something."



Renard, now 54, said the price fetched for the manuscript had left her speechless.

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This Day In Music History

In 2005, singer Luther Vandross died at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison, N.J., two years after suffering a serious stroke. He was 54.

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**CD Reviews**

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Matt Mays and El Torpedo

Album: **Terminal Romance**
Label: **Sonic/Warner**
Release date: **July 8**
Grade: **ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ**

ON HIS FOURTH album, Matt Mays continues to wear his Tom Petty/Bob Dylan/Crazy Horse influences on his sleeve. And he wears it well. This is Mays' most complete (and slickest) album by far. Hopefully it will elevate him to the top of Canada's guitar-rock heap. The anthemic title track and the first single, Tall Trees, prove the gritty Halifax rocker's move to New York City has served him well.

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

**Albert Hammond Jr.**

Album: **Como Te Llama**
Label: **Red Ink/Sony BMG**
Release date: **July 8**
Grade: **ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ**

ONE OF 2007'S best surprises was Strokes guitarist Albert Hammond Jr.'s debut solo record. It was charming, pleasant and an all around great listen. Unfortunately, it's hard to say the same thing about his follow-up. Como Te Llama sounds a lot like what many people expected his first disc to sound — an unfocused collection of rock tunes that employ a now tired Strokes sound. Individually, the songs aren't bad — Lisa is a catchy shoegazer; Spooky Couch is a great instrumental — but collectively this doesn't pass the test.

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

**Melvins**

Album: **Nude With Boots**
Label: **Ipecac/Fontana/Universal**
Release date: **July 8**
Grade: **ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ**

HARD TO FATHOM sludge-rock vets Buzz "King Buzzo" Osborne and Dale Crover have outlasted grunge, faux-grunge, faux-punk-pop ... and whatever other rock trend passed their way since forming back in the mid-1980s. Nineteen albums in, and with two new members in tow (bassist Jared Warren and drummer Coady Willis), appreciate the Melvins more for their rock-jam prowess — unequal parts Black Sabbath, Led Zeppelin and Iron Butterfly — and less so for any lyrical brilliance or their minispace-agey experiments.

IAN NATHANSON



iPod era could be coming to an end

As you read this, a small but significant portion of the planet's population has already given up a chunk of their lives to be among the first to own a new 3G iPhone. I've been reading stories about people camped out in front of stores waiting for this moment. Good for them.

And I get it. The new iPhone is another step closer to having a computer in your pocket. If you spent big coin to buy an American iPhone and went through the hassle of jailbreaking it so it would work in Canada, you now own the equivalent of an iPod released in October 2001.

Which brings me to the iPod. Next to the DVD player and the original transistor radio, it's the most successful electronic device we've ever seen. Somewhere around 200 million have been sold. A survey released this week by researchers Youthography shows that almost two-thirds of Canadians age 14 to 34 own an iPod.

But according to that same Youthography survey, 20 per cent of all young people in Canada already own

The new iPhone, right, brings us a step closer to having a computer in our pockets, but will it replace the iPod, left?

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cellphones with built-in MP3 players — and that number is increasing every day. It's to the point where some people have begun to ask how much longer we'll want to buy standalone MP3 players.

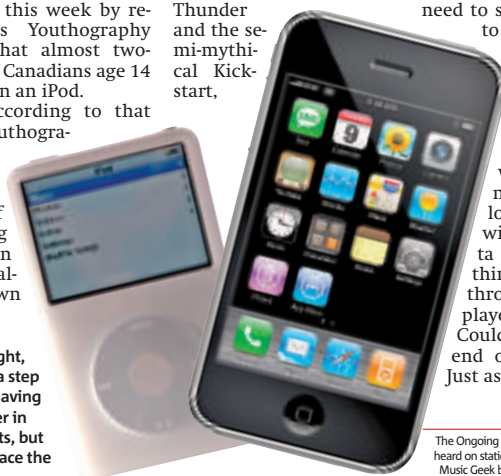
Even Apple knows that the future belongs to an all-in-one handheld device — a Tricorder-like machine that offers communication, entertainment and instant information on just about anything. Research In Motion knows this, too, which is why they've been working hard on some very cool models, including the rumoured touchscreen-ed BlackBerry Thunder and the semi-mythical Kickstart.

Next to the DVD player and the original transistor radio, (the iPod is) the most successful electronic entertainment device we've ever seen. Somewhere around 200 million have been sold.

RIM's first clamshell device. Meanwhile, HTC, Samsung, LG and Nokia are all R&Ding their brains out to catch up to Apple. Steve Jobs is still ahead of the curve, but others are catching up.

I'm sure that Apple and other music player manufacturers will insist that not everyone needs anything more than a simple music player. And they're right. If all you want to do is slog it out on a treadmill at the gym, you don't need to strap a computer to your bicep.

But that's not the point. If manufacturers can get us to keep upgrading, and if the wireless companies can sell us long contracts with expensive data plans, don't you think they'd happily throw the basic MP3 player over the side? Could we be near the end of the iPod era? Just asking.



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Vancouver

Album: **Canadian Tuxedo**
Label: **Mint**
Release date: **July 8**
Grade: **ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ**

IT'S A SHAME that some dude from MTV.com branded this B.C.-based outfit as having one of the worst band names. Never mind missing the Canadian all-girl reference: How about the fact this second outing's fuzzed-up garage-pop a la The Go-Gos and early Bangles offers up some blissful, catchy tuneage in Obvious, Vanity and the waltzing Lonely Life? And be damned if Megan Johnson's raspy keyboards and Eden Fineday, arguably the indie vocalist equivalent to Belinda Carlisle, leave a lasting imprint.

IAN NATHANSON

**Beck**

Album: **Modern Guilt**
Label: **Interscope/Universal**
Release date: **July 8**
Grade: **ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ**

WHETHER YOU LIKE Beck Hanson or not, you have to give credit to the musician for trying something new on every album. On his 10th record, Beck teams up with Gnarl Barkley's Danger Mouse to create dark, soulful, electro-tinged sounds. It's refreshing in that it's a place Beck hasn't been before, but some songs, including the title track, sound a little too close to Crazy for comfort. Still, there are many memorable tracks, and a Beck record is always worth having, but it's not as brilliant as some of Hanson's other work.

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

**John Mayer**

Album: **Where The Light Is (Live in Los Angeles)**
Label: **Sonic/Warner**
Release date: **July 8**
Grade: **ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ**

WITH HIS SECOND live album in three years, John Mayer is desperately trying to prove he's not just another pretty face. We already knew he was a brilliant songwriter and his 2005 Trio Live album showed he could jam out with the best. So why do we need 22 more live tracks.

Mayer spends most of this album mimicking Stevie Ray Vaughan mimicking Jimi Hendrix. And the "I dig love" rant in the middle of Bold As Love is simply embarrassing.

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Hellboy's golden sequel

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Hellboy II: The Golden Army

Director: Guillermo del Toro
Stars: Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Jeffrey Tambor
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW It always feels like something is missing in films based on comic books, something essential whose absence is only barely disguised by action and spectacle and, when the screenwriter is so moved, some sudden stretch of dialogue meant to tease out a dramatic or comic thread with a conspicuous disregard for pacing. Just before the climactic battle in Guillermo del Toro's *Hellboy* sequel, we're reminded of a prophetic plot point from the first film that both sets up *Hellboy III* — or *IV* or *V* — and utterly deflates the conflict-to-come by underlining the likelihood the



Ron Perlman as the title character leads the way in this enjoyable, if predictable, comic book sequel.

hero will survive to fight another day.

This dramatic aphasia overcomes nearly every comic book film, replacing tension with ritual as the protagonist is battered by a gauntlet of villains who, no matter their awesome power and unmitigated evil, are reduced to some CGI-assisted incarnation of the Indians who can't

shoot straight in some western serial.

It's clear del Toro really doesn't have his eye on the story as much as the regular intervals when he can introduce some scene packed with striking beasties or a digitally created behemoth, at which point the camera steps back to marvel at the handiwork.

It's no surprise that the

significant departure from tone and plot — a scene involving Ron Perlman's title character, his best friend Abe Sapien, many six-packs of Tecate beer and a Barry Manilow song — seems to lift off from the overdesigned business of the film with an affected giddiness that the preview audience, at least, gratefully appreciated.

A Journey back to the third dimension

RICK MCGINNIS
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Journey To The Center Of The Earth

Director: Eric Brevig
Stars: Brendan Fraser
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW I can thank SCTV for ruining my appreciation of 3-D movies forever, thanks to the classic sketch Dr. Tongue's House Of Stewardesses, which made sport of the cheapie 3-D flicks from the '50s that used to showed up on late night TV, their 3-D effects reduced to little more than swords and sticks being jabbed at the camera by actors ordered to break the "fourth wall" and gesture directly into the lens.

John Candy and Eugene Levy leering at the camera was never far from my mind while watching Brendan Fraser in *Journey To The Center Of The Earth*, which features, among

other exercises of the medium, a thick glob of dinosaur drool launching from the screen and into your eye. An updating of the classic Jules Verne tale for the green screen age, it's been given the full-on 3-D treatment by director Eric Brevig with an unrestrained enthusiasm for the film's primary technical parlour trick.

After three *Mummy* films, Brendan Fraser is an old hand at this sort of outlandish action flick, a sort of contemporary Victor Mature who hopefully has the potential to be as self-mocking. He manfully delivers the bulk of the film's dubious science with a straight face, which is as it should be. While you don't want to think too much about what *Journey* has to say about plate tectonics or zoology, its hurtling pace and unabashed enthusiasm for every unlikely new peril is the best thing about the film.

Meet Dave is one meeting you want to avoid

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Meet Dave

Director: Brian Robbins
Stars: Eddie Murphy
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW Like most people, I miss the Eddie Murphy of yesterday.

The smart-alecky, foul-

mouthed Beverly Hills Cop Murphy whose career has since (somehow) primarily become a vehicle for entertaining prepubescent with over-the-top schtick. Talk about fallin' for a banana in the tailpipe!

At the outset of *Meet Dave*, Murphy seemingly follows suit, playing both a human-shaped spaceship named Dave and the tiny

alien Captain controlling his every move from inside.

On a quest to find a mysterious orb that crashed to Earth, Dave (and subsequently, the Captain) meet a kindly family and learn the obligatory true lesson of friendship.

It's actually a fairly multi-layered plot and definitely an improvement on the comedian's recent offer-

ings (Norbit anyone?). Murphy's talents are best showcased when he's playing the inanimate spaceship (who can sharpen pencils in his nose and excrete money when he needs it by the way).

It's a tricky role and Murphy pulls off a glazed-over look rivaled only by the look on younger audience members' faces when a punchline makes refer-

ence to the singer Meat Loaf.

Nonetheless, soon we meet the crew within Dave, the annoying characters (a rugged officer who discovers Broadway and becomes a flaming homosexual) arise and the gags begin to fall flat.

Along with special effects that are simply sloppy in the golden age of CGI and a promising start ends

up uneven.

Mainly however, I just couldn't help but wonder how much better *Meet Dave* might've been if geared towards a more mature audience.

Definitely an improvement for Murphy but it still seems like he's mailing it in.

Sorry Eddie, but I won't fall for a banana in the tailpipe.

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Reel Times

Bale's Batman begins again

Actor shares his inspiration, working with Ledger in Dark Knight

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FEATURE Christian Bale is that rare movie star about which we know almost nothing. With *The Dark Knight* opening in a week, he might be on the verge of the biggest movie of his career, but sitting across from the actor at a press event in Beverly Hills, it's impossible to imagine that it's going to change what he does or how he does it; averaging two films a year in what tend to be physical-

ly demanding roles, with three more films including a new *Terminator* movie in production, it's likely he'll just return to some set, away from the gossip mags.

Talking about his second shot at portraying Bruce Wayne and his alter ego, the Batman, in director Christopher Nolan's stygian reboot of the comic movie franchise, Bale is as thorough as any movie critic when he talks about his inspiration and process in creating the role.

"He has this great shadow side borne of the pain and death of his parents," Bale says of the caped crusader. "His creation of Batman has never been helpful for his own life. He has a great capability for violence, and he's given himself this one rule that he will not kill, because he sees how easily he could cross that line. The Joker is the one who's made him question his ethics more than anybody up until now,



Christian Bale

and tempting him to break his own rule, because if he breaks his own rule he can possibly prevent the deaths of many people. And in that case is it selfish to hold on to his own principles — should he break his own principles for that?"

The subject turns to Heath Ledger, whose Joker will be his penultimate movie role, Bale is full of

respect for the late actor's professionalism, frequently praising him for his "commitment."

"That was our very first scene together," Bale says, referring to a brutal interrogation scene between their characters. "And it was a great way to start, because we were afforded the luxury of, for some part of the scene, being completely alone in that room with the cameras outside, with just mirrors surrounding us, and the two of us eyeballing each other, and everywhere you looked just seeing reflections of the two freaks sitting at a table together."

"Me sitting opposite him, I was getting real pleasure from seeing the satisfaction he was getting from it, because I could recognize the same satisfaction that I get from acting. When you have anybody who was as good as him, it becomes that much easier to create great scenes."

Movie morsels

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl

Abigail Breslin plays Kit, a young girl whose 1934 has gone from middle class to mid-Depression as her father loses his job and her mother is forced to take in boarders. It takes too long for the story to kick in, and as a result it never gets up a good head of steam, but that might not be a minus for the movie's intended audiences — the little girls between the ages of 5 and 12.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Wall-E

In the absence of his creators, who are cruising the universe, *Wall-E*, the trash-compacting robot is left to dig mankind out of its own mess on an earth. He has developed a lovelorn little soul, until Eve arrives. Eve is a sleek creature looking for signs of plant life that would mean Earth is becoming habitable again. When she's taken to the mothership after finding the seedling *Wall-E*'s been tending, he goes for the ride. It's sweet, but not cloying.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Love Guru

Mike Myers plays a self-help swami who's enlisted to help reconcile a hockey player with an ex-lover in order to end a curse. Although the comedy is filled with terrible penis puns and cracks about midgits, Myers still finds a way to charm us with his quirky characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Wanted

James McAvoy plays a loser who is swept into a secret fraternity and becomes a skilled assassin. Director Timur Bekmambetov makes an impressive debut giving the film a quirky self-assuredness, impressive visuals and a great cast that includes Angelina Jolie and Morgan Freeman.

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Style File**Kim Elbo**

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ask kim

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watches

Watches are often overlooked because we carry time with us on our cellphones, iPods and cameras. So what is the use of a wrist watch when we obviously don't need it? Fashion, of course — it's another accessory that can't be overlooked, especially not the ones featured here. This season big, bright and candy-coloured watches are a hit. The bigger the face the better. Also, look for a thick band to match, not like those "back in the day" Baby G-Shock watches, but more like a jeweled cuff bracelet.

accessory

Beauty Talk — Push the button and the palette literally talks you through five easy steps to the perfect smoky eye. It's complete with artistry tips and advice on what brushes to use. \$46 Available at beautymark.ca.

**bags**

Don't spoil your summer outfit with an overbearing bag. Instead, go for something a little inconspicuous like a small black bag. It'll hold all your main essentials so you won't have to dig deep for your cell phone or coin purse. I had a friend who bought a really cute clutch but it had the smallest storage space that only fit coins and cards. So remember to try before you buy, test out the mini bag at the store to make sure all your personals fit.

tip

Going to the beach soon? Keep your watch at home; salt water can cause corrosion to the watch. Also, extreme heat can shorten the battery life of a quartz watch.

Brighten those eyes

VERONICA BOODHAN
for Metro Canada



Bright colours are heating up this summer with handbags, shoes and now makeup being offered in more vibrant shades.

"There was a need for a more modern colour palette," explains Lori Taylor, professional artistry relations manager at Smashbox Cosmetics.

Smashbox, a California-based company, offers a large selection of these playful eye shadows. Their newest line, Desert Chic, includes colours ranging from neutrals to turquoise. "The summertime is to have fun, especially with these new colours," says Taylor.

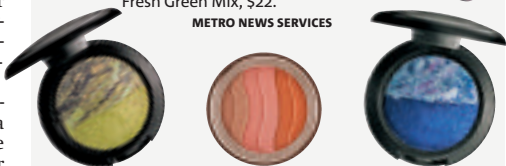
To find the most flattering colours for you, Taylor recommends basing your choices on eye colour.

"Pick a shade you like

shades to help you get the look

Clockwise from right: Single Eye Shadow in Spellbound, \$21; CoverGirl Tropical Fusion, \$6.99; MAC Electro Flash in Sea & Sky, \$22; Smashbox Desert Chic Fusion Eye & Cheek Colour in Heatwave, \$33; MAC Electro Flash in Fresh Green Mix, \$22.

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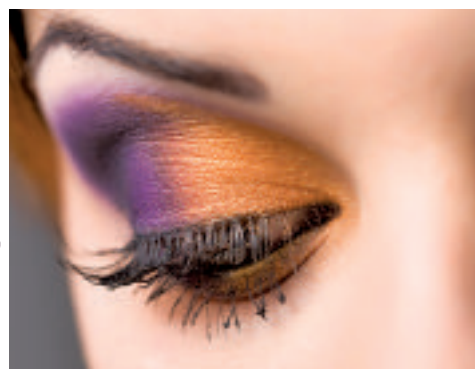


but don't contour and highlight. Apply a wash of colour across the lash-line to the natural crease [of the eye]."

While fashion is helping dictate the trends in makeup, bolder eye shadow is representing a new, brighter attitude among women.

"It's bright outside, so be bright! Look at your personal style and go with that," advises Caitlin Callahan, senior artist at MAC Cosmetics.

MAC, originally a Canadian company, is known for their emphasis on the eyes. Yesterday they launch their newest line of make-



This season's bold eye shadow shades represent a new, brighter attitude among women.

up, Electro Flash, which features a bold mix of eye shadow colour.

"I took them on a photo shoot and they are the most versatile products I've used in a long time," says Callahan.

The Electro Flash container is split into two parts. On one side, there is a mix of three colours and one complimenting shade on the other side.

"It's a beautiful, translucent veil that has depth.

All together it makes [putting makeup on] easy," she says.

The new collection is a throwback to the glamour/rock trend of the '70s.

For those thinking of casting themselves away from the trend of bright eye shadow, Callahan insists that this makeup is meant for everyone.

"Anyone can wear these colours. It's more about style, not about race or age."

Ethical designer enjoys return

CLOTHING British designer Katharine Hamnett is relishing a comeback now that the fashion world has finally caught up with her campaigning notions about clothes.

Hamnett stormed off the fashion stage four years ago after her pleas to use organic cotton fell on deaf ears.

But the designer whose oversized T-shirts with slogans like "Choose Life" and "Use a Condom" were all the rage in the 1980s is enjoying a return now that "ethical fashion" is in vogue.

"Years ago when I was talking about this I was a voice in the wilderness and now I have people come up to me and say 'Oh, you were right all along,'" Hamnett said in an interview at Rome fashion week, where she was promoting ethical fashion.

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Former Friends actress Courtney Cox has reportedly signed up to appear in three episodes of the next season of NBC's *Scrubbs*. **IMDb**



TV

Flashpoint delivers action

CTV's new drama takes you inside the world of an elite police force

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Flashpoint is the first Canadian series since 1994 to air on network primetime in both Canada and the U.S.

Inspired by Toronto's Emergency Task Force, CTV's newest drama series *Flashpoint* will take viewers on an emotional journey into the tough, risk-filled lives of a group of cops in the Strategic Response Unit.

This elite team of cops is trained to do what ordinary police officers cannot — rescue hostages, bust gangs, defuse bombs, climb the sides of buildings and talk down suicidal teens.

Flashpoint's executive producer Bill Mustos (De-grassi: The Next Generation, Robson Arms), says what's so interesting about Toronto's ETF is that it's virtually the only team of its kind in the world.

"It has all the characteristics of a typical SWAT team and does all the things SWAT teams do, but this team in Toronto also has trained its men and women in psychological



Enrico Colantoni, right, stars as Sgt. Gregory Parker in CTV's new drama, *Flashpoint*.

profiling and negotiation," says Mustos. "And this is what distinguishes them from all the other SWAT teams in the world."

Starring Enrico Colan-toni (Veronica Mars), Hugh Dillon (Durham County), Amy Jo Johnson (Felicity) and David Paetkau (Whistler), *Flashpoint*'s

highly skilled

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team gets inside the suspect's heads at the very emotional breaking point, the "flashpoint" that triggers

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In the series opener

Scorpio, Ed Lane's the best sniper and the toughest cop on SRU Team One. So when an enraged

gunman takes a hostage in a public square at rush hour, it's Ed who ends up in position to take the lethal shot from a nearby rooftop. Meanwhile, Sgt. Gregory Parker struggles to pacify the volatile gunman.

The situation escalates when it looks like he's

"The trust level among these people is so high — they really do operate as if they were in combat."

Enrico Colan-toni

about to kill again.

Colan-toni, who plays Parker, says he and the rest of the actors on the show had the benefit of watching Toronto's ETF train, which helped them learn exactly how to transform into their roles.

"The biggest difference is how stealth-like they are, how they move ... and they do that every day, day in and day out," says Colan-toni.

"The trust level among these people is so high — they really do operate as if they were in combat. No one will move forward unless they are absolutely sure that whoever is covering their back is there."

Flashpoint's 13 hour-long episodes were picked up by CBS. When it premieres on CTV July 11, it will be the first Canadian series since CTV's *Due South* in 1994 to air on network primetime in both Canada and the U.S.

Isaak, Shatner join Bio lineup

Duo will cover mainstream and 'edgy'

TALK SHOWS Bio Channel is expanding its original programming slate with four new series, including a Chris Isaak-hosted talk show and William Shatner's previously announced interview series.

The network, formerly known as the Biography Channel, said The Chris Isaak Hour will feature performances by mainstream musical artists. Isaak, famed for such tunes as *Wicked Game*, previously had his own comedy series, *The Chris Isaak Show*, at Showtime.

Shatner's *Raw Nerve*, which premieres Aug. 19, will be an "edgy and off-beat celebrity interview series," Bio promised. Guests will include Shatner's former *Star Trek* crewmate Leonard Nimoy, Jon Voight, Jimmy Kimmel,

Judge Judy, Jenna Jameson, Kelsey Grammer and Valerie Bertinelli.

The other two new series are police-themed: *Female Forces*, which follows female officers in a Chicago suburb, and *Why I Ran*, which interviews drivers who have led police on high-speed car chases.

Bio also is bringing *I Survived ...* back for a second season. The show interviews people who have survived life-threatening situations.

Biography, meanwhile, is returning with new episodes on Tyler Perry, Eddie Murphy and Mel Gibson, among others.

Meanwhile, sister channel A&E is planning to broadcast a live episode of *Crisis Angel Mindfreak* in the show's upcoming fourth season. **REUTERS**



Chris Isaak will host a talk show on the Bio Channel.

Entertainment in brief

BUSINESS Wall Street Journal technology columnist Walter Mossberg will host a weekly segment on Fox Business Network, the channel said. The segment will run Thursday mornings during the hour co-anchored by Dagen McDowell and Brian Sullivan. Mossberg, who has worked at the paper since 1970, made his debut on the channel on Wednesday. **REUTERS**

GAME SHOWS Fox has lined up actress Brooke Burns and TV personality Mark Thompson to host its Japanese-inspired game show *Hole in the Wall*. The show was often described as "human Tetris" after videos of the hit Japanese version became popular on YouTube. Contestants work as teams to try to fit through oncoming cut-out shapes or else they're pushed off a platform. Burns previously hosted the game show *Dog Eat Dog*. Thompson is a weather anchor for Fox's Los Angeles TV station. **REUTERS**

DRAMA Joe E. Tata will reprise his role as owner of the Peach Pit on the new incarnation of *Beverly Hills 90210*.

It's not quite up there with speculation over whether bad girl Shannen Doherty will return, but Tata, 71, said he jumped at the chance to bring back *Nat*, whose diner was the hangout of choice for the 90210 crowd.

The drama about two high schoolers from the Midwest who move to California and enroll in West Beverly Hills High School debuts Sept. 2. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

DRAMA Showtime in the U.S. is reteaming with Dexter executive producer Sara Colleton for *Exterminators*. Based on a Vertigo/DC comic, the show is about an ex-con who joins an exterminator company. It has been described as *Six Feet Under*, only in the world of pest control. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Casting Val Kilmer, right, was handed the job of voicing the new Knight Rider car when producers learned Will Arnett had a truck commercial deal that would prevent him from playing K.I.T.T. on TV. Arnett won the role for the upcoming remake of David Hasselhoff's 1980s series, but was forced to step down because of his ties to GMC Trucks. Kilmer, a fan of the original series, was asked to step in.

IMDB.COM



Producer comes out Swinging in defence

SWINGING AT SOFTBALLS: Earlier this week, I wrote about Swinging, the '70s-themed primetime drama, and said that it was an ABC show, after watching three consecutive episodes I'd downloaded, all with CBS' eye logo watermarked in the bottom right corner.

A reader was kind enough to write in and correct me, pointing out that the show appearing on staid, safe, elderly CBS is far more of a big deal than if it were on ABC, NBC or Fox, or any of the

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quality cable networks where chagrined supporters of the show think it might have thrived.

You can't help but get the impression that show producer and director

Alan Poul agrees with this theory, based on a talk he gave at the Banff World Television Festival written on the Blogcritics.com web site.

According to Poul, Swinging creator Mike Kelley was in the unusual position of having a network try and sell him on the idea of putting the show on their network, and not the other way around when Swinging was still being pitched.

"We said we're not going to sell it if they're going to turn it into a network show," Poul recalled of the negotiations with CBS network chief Nina Tassler.

"The underage daughter still has to smoke pot, the crazy neighbour lady still has to do coke, our leading lady still has to take the Quaalude and we have to want her to take the Quaalude, and they still have to have sex with their neighbours."

"If you guarantee we can do all those things on CBS, then yes, you can buy the show."

"She said 'you have my word.'"

Afterwards, of course, the usual network interference happened right

on schedule.

Since the big networks are riper targets for indecency fines from the Federal Communications Commission, they're cautious in ways that Showtime or HBO aren't, and so the network "happily" paid US\$10,000 to have the leg of a stewardess digitally removed from a scene in the pilot where it's wrapped around Grant Show's swinging Tom Decker.

Poul complained that the FCC's effect is like "a

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third world theocracy, the level of sexual puritanism."

"On Desperate Housewives or CSI, there is a level of lascivious con-

tent," Poul said, "but the person involved usually gets punished or, preferably, killed."

"We love our characters. We don't judge them. There are no negative repercussions for the behaviour they're engaging in. They find that terrifying."

And that's one of the biggest problems with Swinging — the producers can't do what all of us do every day of our lives: make judgments and act on them.

The '70s might have felt like a moral vacuum, but the world wasn't, and without affording viewers the context to make a moral judgment about somebody's behaviour — which Poul seems to regard as Swinging's agenda — you're offering them the dramatic equivalent of braised celery while pretending it's Texas chili.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

FRIDAY	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
sports	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC World News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Dance Machine (N)	Duel (N)	Duel (N)	20/20	
	7	7	7	ASN Twice in a Lifetime	Laughs	Wheel-Of-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dance Machine (N)	Duel (N)	Duel (N)	Jeff Ltd.	
cable variety	11	11	11	CBC Coronation St.	Laughs	Air Force Live	Comedy Fest	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Stampede	
	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	NUMB3RS "Democracy"	NUMB3RS "Democracy"	Flashpoint (N)	
sports	6	6	6	CHIF eTalk	ET Canada	Very Bad Men	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Friday Night Lights	NUMB3RS "Democracy"	NUMB3RS "Democracy"	News (N)	
	9	9	9	CJCH The Simpsons	Jeopardy! (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Two/Half Men	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Flashpoint "Scorpio" (N)	Flashpoint "Scorpio" (N)	News (N)	
cable variety	36	36	36	FOX The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two/Half Men	Extra (N)	2 Fast 2 Furious ** (2003, Action)	Outrageous	Outrageous	Fox First	
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Outrageous	Outrageous	Outrageous	Score Tonight	
sports	55	55	55	SCOR Drive This	Game On	Poker Pacific Poker UK Open.	CFL Pregame	WWE SmackDown!	CFL Football BC Lions at Winnipeg Blue Bombers. (HDTV) (Live)	CFL Football BC Lions at Winnipeg Blue Bombers. (HDTV) (Live)	Score Tonight	
	53	53	53	TSN Off the Record	SportsCentre	Interruption	CFL Pregame	CFL Football BC Lions at Winnipeg Blue Bombers. (HDTV) (Live)	CFL Football BC Lions at Winnipeg Blue Bombers. (HDTV) (Live)	CFL Football BC Lions at Winnipeg Blue Bombers. (HDTV) (Live)	Score Tonight	
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E Cold Case Files (HDTV)	CSI: Miami "Stalkers"	CSI: Miami "Stalkers"	CSI: Miami "Stalkers"	CSI: Miami "Stalkers"	CSI: Miami "Stalkers"	CSI: Miami "Stalkers"	CSI: Miami "Stalkers"	
	70	70	70	APTN News	From the Spirit	renewedepress	Tears	Chiefs-Champ	Chiefs-Champ	Chiefs-Champ	Chiefs-Champ	
sports	37	37	37	BRVO Street Legal	Rhythm-Roots	Bravo! Fact	Lola * (2001, Drama)	Sabrina Grdevich	Paranormal ** (1989, Comedy)	Paranormal ** (1989, Comedy)	Bravonews	
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning	Good Morning	South Park	
cable variety	18	18	18	CNN (5) The Situation Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center	CNN Election Center	CNN Election Center	CNN Election Center	Cooper 360	
	38	38	38	DISC How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)	Canada's Worst Handyman II	Man vs. Wild "Equador"	Man vs. Wild "Equador"	Man vs. Wild "Equador"	Doomed	
sports	34	34	34	HGTV Holmes on Homes	House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Relocation	
	46	46	46	HIST Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS	Lost Worlds	Tommy Boy ** (1995, Comedy)	Tommy Boy ** (1995, Comedy)	Tommy Boy ** (1995, Comedy)	Chris Farley.	
cable variety	17	17	17	MM Punk'd	Instant Star	America's Best Dance Crew	America's Best Dance Crew	America's Best Dance Crew	America's Best Dance Crew	America's Best Dance Crew	America's Best Dance Crew	
	206	206	206	PIX Monty Python's Meaning	Billable Hours	ReGenesis (HDTV)	Cold Squad	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webstreams	
sports	39	39	39	SHOW Trailer Park	Three Takes	End of Leash	Til Debt-Part	Mr. Friday (N)	The List	The List	Birth Days	
	40	40	40	SLICE What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Ashley Paige	
cable variety	21	21	21	TLC Shopping Bags	House	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Mediums	Mediums	The Possession of Michael D. (1995, Horror)	
	22	22	22	YTV Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Batman *** (1989, Action)	Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton.	Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton.	Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton.	

The dog days of summer

TELEVISION CBS has debuted the reality show Greatest American Dog. A dozen dogs compete for fun, doggie treats and, naturally, the obligatory \$250,000 grand prize (or the equivalent in dog biscuits, presumably).

These unscripted shows have all grown almost indistinguishable from one another, including the trio of judges (Wendy Diamond, Allan Reznick, Victoria Stilwell) and the backbiting (in this case almost literally).

To be sure, the Westminster Kennel Club is nowhere in sight for this dog show, which turns out to be (surprise!) far more about the people than the canines.

Created and executive produced by Emmy-winning documentary specialist R.J. Cutler (American High), this series turns out to be far less than the sum of its parts, with the human egos far surpassing the stupid pet tricks in terms of relevance and screen time. And that's wholly unfortunate.

A dozen dog-human teams square off to judge which dog can best follow instructions. It's not really

entirely clear what the criterion is for success here other than a capacity to impart silent cues to one's animal. And the not-so-silent ones might be nearly as

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equally important.

The judges include dog magazine/book authors and TV series hosts. But it's the owners who are on centre stage, make no mistake. And they turn out to be predictably self-absorbed, if generally colorful, lot.

They range from a Manhattan doctor (with a Parson Russell Terrier named Elvis) to a building maintenance man from Flint, Texas (with a Brittany Spaniel named Star), to an aspiring dog salon owner from Portland, Ore. (with a Giant Schnauzer named Kenji).

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SATURDAY	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
sports	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	World News Sat	Law & Order: SVU	The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement ** (2004)	Stargate SG-1	Stargate Atlantis	Stargate Atlantis	The Collector	
	7	7	7	ASN Corner Gas	Corner Gas	W-FIVE Presents: Forgiveness	The Nature of Things (N)	Dumb and Dumber: When Harry Met Lloyd * (2003)	The Unit "Outsiders"	48 Hours Mystery	renewedepress	News (N)
cable variety	11	11	11	CBC Sat. Report	Marketplace	Entertainment Tonight	Large Winch	Burn: The Robert Wright Story (2004, Docudrama)	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	News (N)
	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight	Large Winch	Burn: The Robert Wright Story (2004, Docudrama)	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	News (N)
sports	6	6	6	CHIF Andromeda	W-FIVE Presents: Forgiveness	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Access Hollywood (N)	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Law & Order	Law Order: CI
	9	9	9	CJCH MLB Baseball: Rockies at Mets	NBC News	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Access Hollywood (N)	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Law Order: CI	Can Poker
cable variety	36	36	36	FOX MLB Baseball: Rockies at Mets	NBC News	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Access Hollywood (N)	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Law Order: CI	Can Poker
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Access Hollywood (N)	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Law Order: CI	Can Poker
sports	55	55	55	SCOR Score Update	Score Update	BodogFight	Hardcore Champ, Fight	Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	Cabby Unlimit	Can Poker	
	53	53	53	TSN CFL Football	Score Update	BodogFight	Hardcore Champ, Fight	Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	Cabby Unlimit	Can Poker	
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E Meth in the City	Crunk: Made in America	Intervention "Jill"	Intervention "Lawrence"	Intervention "Lawrence"	Intervention "Lawrence"	Intervention "Lawrence"	Intervention "Lawrence"	
	70	70	70	APTN MTVT	Music Speaks	Re: Blue "Soulfully Blue"	Re: Blue "Soulfully Blue"	Re: Blue "Soulfully Blue"	Re: Blue "Soulfully Blue"	Re: Blue "Soulfully Blue"	Re: Blue "Soulfully Blue"	
sports	37	37	37	BRVO Arts & Minds	Bravo! Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall	Just for Laughs	Special Investigations	Special Investigations	Special Investigations	Special Investigations	
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Just for Laughs	Special Investigations	Special Investigations	Special Investigations	Special Investigations	Special Investigations	
cable variety	18	18	18	CNN This Week in Politics	Naked Science (N)	Naked Science (N)	Naked Science (N)	Dirty Jobs "Alpaca Shearer"	Dirty Jobs "Alpaca Shearer"	Dirty Jobs "Alpaca Shearer"	Dirty Jobs "Alpaca Shearer"	
	38	38	38	DISC How It's Made	How It's Made	Naked Science (N)	Naked Science (N)	Dirty Jobs "Alpaca Shearer"	Dirty Jobs "Alpaca Shearer"	Dirty Jobs "Alpaca Shearer"	Dirty Jobs "Alpaca Shearer"	
sports	34	34	34	HGTV Holmes on Homes	NCIS	Tommy Boy ** (1995, Comedy)	Chris Farley, David Spade.	So You Think You Can Dance	So You Think You Can Dance	So You Think You Can Dance	So You Think You Can Dance	
	46	46	46	HIST Mob Stories	NCIS "Sub Rosa"	Tommy Boy ** (1995, Comedy)	Chris Farley, David Spade.	So You Think You Can Dance	So You Think You Can Dance	So You Think You Can Dance	So You Think You Can Dance	
cable variety	17	17	17	MM America's Best Dance Crew	The One That Got Away (2008, Drama)	Kelli Williams.	Vanity Insanity	End of Leash	Nearly Dead	Spoiled Rotten	Party Mamas	
	206	206	206	PIX The One That Got Away (2008, Drama)	Kelli Williams.	Vanity Insanity	End of Leash	Nearly Dead	Spoiled Rotten	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	
sports	39	39	39	SHOW Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	My First Home	My First Home	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	
	40	40	40	SLICE Moving Up (HDTV)	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	
cable variety	21	21	21	TLC Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Ghost	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	
	22	22	22	YTV Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Ghost	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	

SUNDAY		H D B			7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	7/13/08	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC News	Funnist Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	"Hughes Family"			Housewives
		7	7	7	ASN Kyle XY		Funnist Home Videos		Smallville "Gemin"	Cold Case (HDTV)			Housewives
		11	11	11	CBC Heartland		How Do You Solve-Maria		2008 Calgary Stampede From Calgary.				CBC News
		32	32	32	CBS Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes		Big Brother 10 (N)	Cold Case (HDTV)			Flashpoint
		6	6	6	CHIF renegeadepress	Til Death	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Big Brother 10 (N)		Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
		9	9	9	CJCH Instant Star (N)	The Hills	Cold Case (HDTV)		Flashpoint "Scorpio"		Mad Men "Babylon"		News (N)
		36	36	36	FOX Cold Case		Til Death	Til Death	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
		12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	American Dream		Outrageous	Outrageous	Miss Universe 2008 (Live)		
		55	55	55	SCOR Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	The WWE Experience		BodogFight		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Poker
		53	53	53	TSN SportsCentre		Billiards 2007 Mosconi Cup.		Boxing Friday Night Fights. (HDTV)				SportsCentre
sports		16	16	16	A&E Gene Simmons Family Jewels	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons Family Jewels		Two Coreys
		70	70	70	APTN Medicine Wmn	Tears	Warriors: TKO	Chiefs-Champ	MYTV	renegeadepress	Nate and Hayes ** (1983, Adventure)		
		37	37	37	BRVO Dreams of Flight		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Manitowapong	Annie	The Bourne Identity (2002, Suspense)		
		49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	Lil' Bush	Comedy Net
		18	18	18	CNN Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
		38	38	38	DISC MythBusters		MegaMovie: Hawaii (N)		Mayday		Mayday "Mixed Signals"		MythBusters
		34	34	34	HGTV Flipping Out "Sell Out"		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
		46	46	46	HIST Lost Worlds		NCIS		Hitler's Sunken Secret		The Heroes of Telemark (1965, War)		
		17	17	17	MM America's Best Dance Crew		So You Think You Can Dance	The top 12.			So You Think You Can Dance		Dance Crew
		cable variety		206	206	206	PIX THX-1138	(7:45) The Spy Who Loved Me *** (1977, Action)	Roger Moore.				The Shadow ** (1994, Action)
39	39			39	SHOW Student Bodies	Billable Hours	Lost in the Dark (2007, Suspense)	Mae Whitman.			Trailer Park ** (Rent-A-Goalie		Kingdom-Hvn
40	40			40	SLICE In Laws	Last 10	X-Weighted		Wedding SOS	Bulging Brides	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Biggest Loser
21	21			21	TLC Mystery Diagnosis		Mystery Diagnosis		My Shocking Story: Half Man		The Singing Office (HDTV) (N)		Singing Office
22	22			22	YTV Fever Pitch	Hwd 10 Best	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Let Me Call You Sweetheart (1997, Mystery)	Meredith Baxter.			Missing
27	27			27	YTV Batman Returns ** (1992, Action)	Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito, Michelle Pfeiffer.	Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito,				Falcon Beach		Falcon Beach

Art and music will mix in Halifax at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night with the Atlantic Jazz Festival's gallery crawl. The event will see bands perform sets at three downtown art galleries. Participants will move from one venue to the next — just like a pub crawl. "We did one in 2006, but it was spontaneous and just happened," said Adrianna Afford, owner of Argyle Fine Art. It starts at Studio 21 Fine Art. **METRO**

Going

A look at the Jazz festival

Here is a look at what is taking place at the 22nd annual Atlantic Jazz Festival, which starts today:

TODAY

- Mainstage Tent: Orquesta Tipica Imperial and E-stringz, 8 p.m. \$25 and \$30.
- Stayner's Wharf: Ted Quinlan Quartet, 11:30 p.m. \$10.

SATURDAY

- Mainstage Tent: Syl Johnson, Bill Stevenson and Tom Easley, and Geoff Arsenault, 8 p.m. \$20 and \$30.
- Commons Room: John Taylor, 9 p.m. \$25 and \$32.
- Stayner's Wharf: Ted Quinlan Quartet, 11:30 p.m. \$10.
- Free Daytime Concerts: Samba Nova, The Klezmerin, Nu Gruv, Andru Branch and Zumbini Circus, Noon. Free.
- Spring Garden Road: Jazz Festival Parade, 1 p.m. Free

SUNDAY

- Mainstage Tent: Holly Cole and Laila Biali Trio, 8 p.m. \$30 and \$35.
- Commons Room: ERA and Erin Costello, 9 p.m. \$25 and \$32.
- Cathedral Church of All Saints: Sanctuary with V-16, 7 p.m. \$15 and \$20.
- 1313 Hollis: Jeff Torbet, 9 p.m. \$15 and \$20.
- Stayner's Wharf: Doc Riley Tribute Jam, 9 p.m. \$15 and \$20.
- Free Daytime Concerts: Marinda Lavut, Daniel MacNeil, Matt Giffin Trio, and others, Noon. Free.
- For more information on the musicians and venues, or to buy tickets, visit www.jazzeast.com.

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"It's one thing you can't simulate. Playing live was my first love."

Holly Cole will be performing this Sunday at the Atlantic Jazz Festival

Halifax-native Holly Cole prefers to perform in front of a crowd than being in a studio.

The roots of Holly's jazz

Famed Haligonian talks about the first time she heard the music she loved

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Holly Cole still remembers her first time hearing jazz. She was 15, and had hitchhiked from Fredericton to visit her brother, who was studying music in Boston.

"I had \$20 and I was excited to visit him, but he didn't know I was coming," said Cole. "My parents didn't know — and they weren't too happy when they found

out."

The Halifax-native was sitting in her brother's Berklee College dorm that she was surrounded by jazz music.

"It was enlightening to me to see people that were committed to the music, it blew my mind," the 44-year-old said. "I stayed there for two months — I only had \$20 so I didn't know how to get home."

Cole will be back home this weekend when she performs a showcase at the At-

the lowdown

What: Holly Cole
Where: Atlantic Jazz Festival's Mainstage Tent
When: Sunday, 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$30 and \$35.
www.jazzeast.com.

lantic Jazz Festival. The jazz-singer's appearance comes after receiving critical acclaim for her last CD, which was recently released in the United States.

"I wouldn't say that it

sold tonnes and tonnes of records, but nobody does anymore," she said.

Cole said the industry has changed because of illegal downloading, and people just don't go to record stores anymore to purchase music.

"I miss having record stores around where I can go, look at packaging, look at who is playing on it, and look at what it seems the record is about artistically without even hearing it."

It's impossible to meas-

ure success now, said Cole, who thinks things are going to have to change to make it possible for artists to exist. They will have to find a way to see how many people like a musician — not how much money is generated.

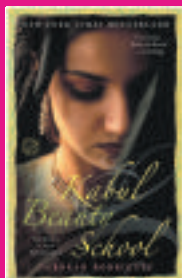
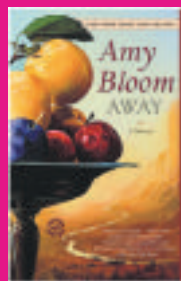
"It's an interesting time, to put it nicely," Cole said, adding she has always valued live performances above sales.

"It's one thing you can't simulate. Playing live was my first love."

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Cancellation

The Harlequin shows scheduled for Casino Nova Scotia on Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19, have been cancelled. **METRO**

Drummer takes turn as frontman

Crash Parallel's singer tells Metro he always had a lot to say, and now he can

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You don't get to say a lot as a drummer, just ask Tim Edwards.

"When I was drummer I would sit back there and say, 'What am I doing here? I don't want to be here. I want to be out there,'" he said. "I had a lot to say."

As the lead singer of Crash Parallel, Edwards now has an opportunity to be heard.

The Mississauga-based band topped the new artist album chart with the release of its album, *World We Know*, earlier this year. The title track has received some good radio play, and the band is

touring venues across Canada — including Halifax on Wednesday night.

"We have grown more confident and have become better live musicians and performers — but, as far as changing at the core, I haven't seen any of that," said Edwards.

The history of the group goes beyond its 2004 formation, when Edwards and guitarist Danny Saitua started playing in a different band more than a decade ago.

The two went separate ways after that group split up, but — as Edwards began writing new songs — they began working together again.

"It was perfect," Edwards said. Saitua, he added, isn't really a lyric

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Crash Parallel performs its first show in Halifax at Hell's Kitchen this Wednesday.

writer, but he is an amazing melody guy. Edwards would take a really simple

folk song with kind of a catchy melody, and would bring it to the table and

work out the rest of the elements.

The title track of the

the lowdown

What: Crash Parallel
Where: Hell's Kitchen
When: Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$12 in advance and at the door. Visit www.ticketpro.ca

new album — with its call to start protecting the world — was the first Edwards wrote on a piano instead of a guitar. It, he said, sounded more pop than folk.

"At the time I had a lot to say because I had a lot of positive experiences in a two week period," he said. "All I was hearing about was all these negative things. And I thought, 'If we have all these problems, what are we waiting for? Let's change it.'"



Mitch MacDonald

News in brief

IDOL Port Hood, N.S., resident Mitch MacDonald made it into the Top 10 of Canadian Idol on Wednesday night. The carpenter joins seven other men and two women from across Canada.

PRIDE As part of the Pride Week festivities in Halifax, Angels & Heroes Theatre is hosting an Elton John tribute night at the Music Room on Monday, July 21. Among those performing their rendition of John's songs are Richie Wilcox, Stewart Legere, Charlie A'Court, Ian Sherwood and In-Flight Safety's John Mullane and Daniel Ledwell. Tickets are \$10 and \$15. Call 223-5371.

MATINÉE Because of demand, Two Planks and A Passion Theatre has added a matinée performance of *Our Town* on Saturday, July 26, at 1 p.m. The unique production is being staged in the wooded area on the grounds of the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts in Canning. For more information, visit www.twoplanks.ca.

FASHION Nigh Magic Fashions is hosting a fashion show at Bubble's Mansion on Saturday, Aug. 9. The event will feature fetish, swimwear and fashion attire, with proceeds going to Bryony House. Tickets are \$7 and will be available at the door. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Haliwood entertainment is heating up

HaliwoodHeadlines



It's officially summer in the Maritimes and as the Halifax weather gets hotter, so does the entertainment!

Unfortunately, due to water damage following a fire, Cardinal Offishall's July 12 show at Key Largs has been cancelled. However, as we already know, Kardi doesn't like to let his Canadian fans down. A spokesperson from Key Largs says they hope to reschedule the show at a later date.

POSTPONED

Even with the Cardinal show cancellation, Halifax should still be ready for a really good time this weekend. Saint Antonio's Lebanese Festival is taking on Hali beginning today until July 13. The Olympic Community Centre will be packed with culture, live music, yummy food and fun for people of all ages.

Someone will even walk away from the festival with a free trip to Lebanon. Check out www.lebanesefestival.ca for more info.

Z103.5's Summer Rush has had people chatting since Rihanna rocked out at Alderney Landing last year, and we only have a little more than a week until the hottest concert this summer featuring Nelly. You can grab your tickets at Ticketpro locations or check out summerrush.com for more information.

ROADTRIPS

Don't forget, if you're looking to do a little road-tripping this summer, the annual music and awareness festival Evolve 2008 is happening in Antigonish on July 25, 26 and 27. This year's lineup includes Mark Farina, Battles, DJ Falcon, Skratz Bastid, Jimmy Swift, DJ Atmosphere, the Duo, Slowcoaster and more!

All of the info for Evolve Music and Awareness Festival 2008 is online at www.evolvefestival.com.

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BOOMERS LOUNGE: Ten Mile House on Sunday. 1725 Grafton St.

BUBBLES MANSION: DJ Savory on Friday, 10 p.m. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday, 10 p.m. 5287 Prince St.

CELTIC CORNER: Jimmy Sweeney on Friday and Saturday. 69 Alderney Dr.

CHEERS: Live music on Friday and Saturday. 1743 Grafton St.

COACH'S PUB: DJ on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

DAVE DOLITTLE: Karaoke on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

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The Jimmy Swift Band performs at The Marquee Club this Saturday at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door.

THE DOME: DJ Doug Phresh on Friday. World dance party on Saturday.

1663 Argyle St.

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nang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

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HALIFAX FOGHOUSE: The Metric System on Monday. Kapyr on Wednesday.

THE HARBOURFRONT ROOM: Hot Rocks, a Rolling Stones tribute band on Friday and Saturday. Casino Nova Scotia.

JAMISON'S: Georges Hebert and Garth Proud on Friday. Daniel Matto and Holly Arsenault on Saturday. 5 Cumberland Dr.

THE JOLLY MUG: Frank Lowe and SideKIXX Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB: Grover Country on Saturday. Special Blend on Sunday. 40 Wright Ave.

OAKMOUNT STATION: Pros vs. Joes karaoke on Saturday. 1717 Bedford Hwy.

O'CARROLL'S: The Crew on Friday and Saturday. Lisa MacDougal on Sunday through Thursday. 1860 Upper Water St.

OLD TRIANGLE: Lazy Jacks on Friday and Saturday. Wingnuts on Sunday. 5136 Prince St.

OUR FRIEND'S PUB: Kitchen parties on Monday. 19 Norm Newman Dr.

THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB: DJ Smooth Steve on Friday. DJ Fierce on Saturday. 1721 Brunswick St.

PARKSIDE PUB: Saratoga on Friday and Saturday. Karaoke with Mike Gough on Wednesday. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

WINSTON'S: Dave Goyette and Acoustic Soul on Thursday. 278 Lacewood Dr.

PEDDLER'S PUB: DJ Mathematix on Friday.

Granville Mall.

POGUES FADO: Clam Chowder on Friday and Saturday. 1581 Barrington St.

PORTER'S LAKE PUB: Shotgun Dance on Friday. Karaoke on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.

THE RED FOX: 40 Fingers on Friday and Saturday. Bayers Road Village.

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Rockin' Rodney, a broken record featuring the image of Premier Rodney MacDonald, is among the works at Argyle Fine Art's Vinylview exhibit. It features art made using old records.



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PAINTER'S PALETTE: Works by local painters. Dresden Row Market.

THE PEDWAY PICTURE GALLERY: Showing The Artists Of Creative Spirit East. Alderney Landing, Dartmouth.

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY: Duet/Trio/Quartet by An-

dre Forster. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.

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Michael Jackson comes back

Michael Jackson is set to revive his music career by teaming up with the reformed boyband, New Kids On The Block. **METRO**

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Remnants, works by Sandy Caines. Through Aug. 3. 1272 Barrington St.

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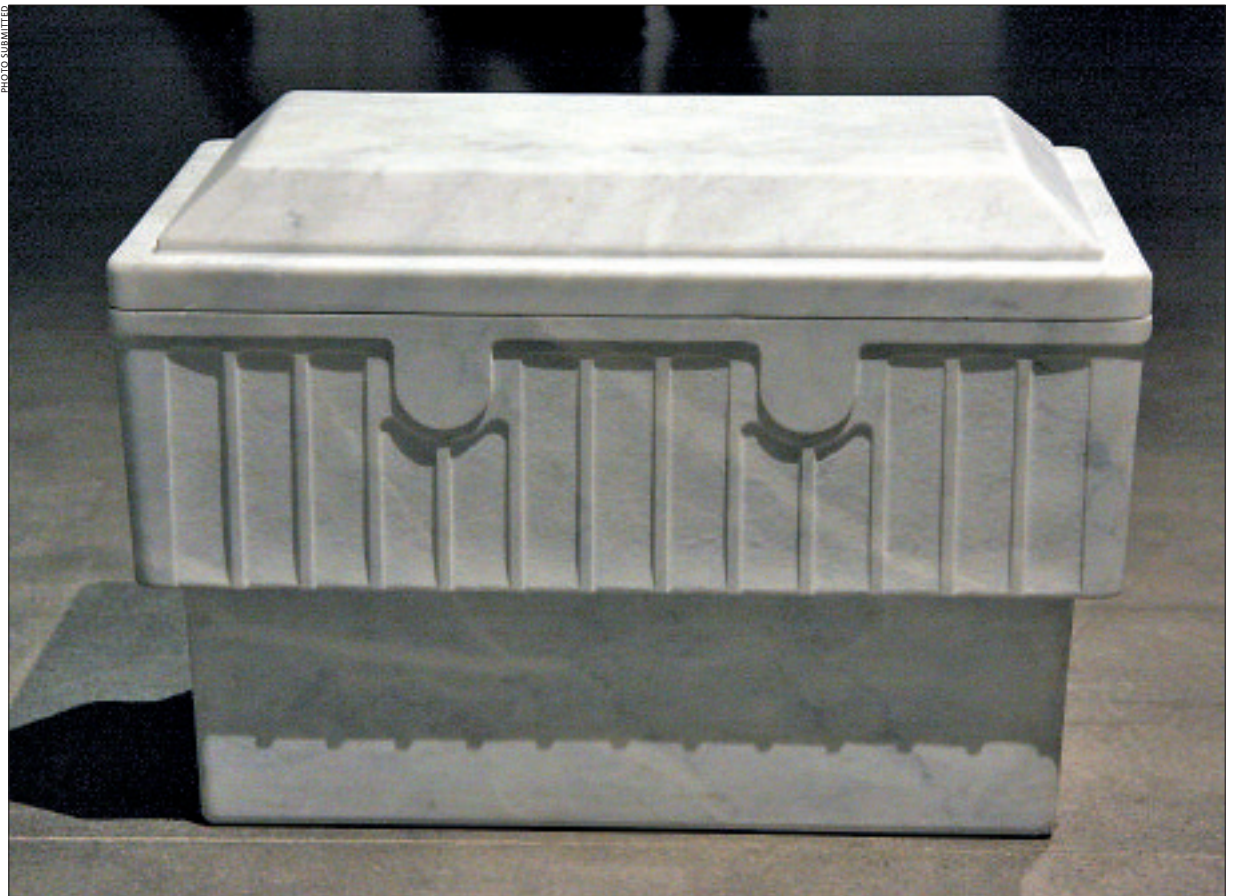
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YUK YUK'S: Lisa Gay Tremblay on Friday and Saturday. For information and tickets, call 429-9857. Westin Nova Scotia.

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Elvis fans will want to check out Roy Leblanc's tribute show at the Cunard Centre on Friday. For tickets call 451-1221.



A marble version of a Styrofoam cooler, by Halifax-based artist Thierry Delva, is part of the Contemporaries show at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

No driving for Wentz

Pete Wentz needs to get his paperwork in order after learning his driving licence is invalid, imdb.com reports. **METRO**

A conversation with The Closer

Kyra Sedgwick has enjoyed a long career in Hollywood since her first work in the mid-1980s in small roles on U.S. television and later in low-budget films such as 1990's Mr. & Mrs. Bridge.

For years, Sedgwick, 42, had seen her career overshadowed by husband Kevin Bacon, with whom she has two children. But in 2005, U.S. cable network TNT began airing *The Closer*, a crime drama starring Sedgwick as Brenda Leigh Johnson, an Atlanta cop who moves to Los Angeles to become deputy police chief.

Johnson has a thick southern accent (Sedgwick was born in New York) and the show was a departure for the actress whose roles mostly had been confined to small, low-budget dramas like 2002 Sundance Film Festival favorite *Personal Velocity*.

But *The Closer* became a breakout hit, with last season's finale drawing 10 million viewers — a large amount for a U.S. cable TV show. A new season begins on July 14 and Sedgwick talked with Reuters about the show, her role and her career.

Q Brenda Leigh can be a tough cop but she also has this human side. We see her deal with her fiancé and her family. Is that a key to the show's success — that not only is it a cop drama but it also lets

you inside these people's lives?

A I think it's the key to the success of the show and it's certainly the only reason why I'm in it. To me, it's much more a character-driven piece than a plot-driven piece. I think it's what separates us and makes people always come back.

Q The upcoming season is the show's fourth. How do you think Brenda has changed or grown over the years?

A One interesting thing about Brenda is she doesn't grow and change that much. While she is brilliantly intuitive about other people, she is completely clueless about herself and is not interested in evolving as an emotional person at all. Her resistance to that is really interesting to watch.

Q Is that what has been rewarding, creatively, that you've been able to take this character and dig into her and try to figure out what makes her tick, when in fact you really don't know what makes her tick?

A Definitely. While I know how she reacts to things, I don't necessarily know why she reacts. She has so many complications

and conflicting parts and is such a mass of contradictions. There are so many things to play.

Q You won a Golden Globe award for the role and you've called the show "a gift" many times. Why?

A It really is the gift that keeps on giving. It's been a surprise to live in a character this long and still be enjoying it. It was something I was never looking for and it was something I never expected. That's why I think of it as a gift because I didn't know it was coming. The fact I get consistently nominated for stuff is fun and a real honor for me. That feels really good to go up there with people who are considered the very best at what they do and that feels really good and supportive for work that I would love to do and would do anyway.

Q In Hollywood, we talk a lot about how difficult it is to get a female-driven movie made and wondering if you think that's true and why?

A I definitely think that's true. For whatever reason, male-centric movies have made the big dollar amounts at (box offices).

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Actress Kyra Sedgwick poses during a portrait session to promote her TNT television network drama series *The Closer* in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Salman Rushdie wins best of Booker award

LONDON British author Salman Rushdie won the Best of the Booker prize on Thursday to mark the 40th anniversary of one of the world's most prestigious literary awards.

Midnight's Children won the Booker Prize in 1981, and the Indian-born writer was not favorite to take the award decided by the public from a shortlist of six in an online poll.

The 61-year-old, whose 1988 novel *The Satanic Verses* outraged many Muslims and prompted death threats against him, also won the 25th anniversary Booker prize in 1993.

"I think it was an extraordinary shortlist and it was an honor to be on it," Rushdie said in a recorded message from the United States, where he is on a book tour.

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At least half the voters were under 35, and the largest age group was 25-34, "a reflection of the ongoing interest in quality fiction amongst readers of all ages," organizers said.

His sons, Zafar and Milan, accepted a trophy in London on his behalf, and the author said it was apt that "my real children (are) accepting a prize for my imaginary children."

Milan, the youngest, added: "I'm really looking forward to reading it when I'm older. Well done Dad."

Victoria Glendinning, chair of the panel who drew up a shortlist, said the entries were dominated by themes of the end of empire and two world wars.

"These are the nettles we

have been compelled to try and grasp," she told reporters.

But there was some criticism of the award, partly because the choice was narrowed to just six nominees.

"It's an artificial exercise, simply because the general public only got to pick from six of the previous winners," said Jonathan Ruppin, promotions manager at Foyles bookshop.

"Readers have not been able to vote for some of their most enduring favorites," he added, mentioning, among others, Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things* and Kazuo Ishiguro's *The Remains of the Day*.

Around 8,000 people from around the world took part in the online poll, and *Midnight's Children* won 36 per cent of votes.

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Sacha Baron Cohen sparked outrage when he high-jacked a cage fighting match in Arkansas and turned it into a display of gay kissing, imdb.com reports **METRO**

Summer movies roll into games

Blockbusters at the box office don't end at the credits anymore, many argue

Summer blockbuster movies no longer end with the closing credits with rising numbers of licensed video games being spun off from Hollywood adventures, putting the gamer in the starring role.

John Taylor, video game analyst for Arcadia Research, said this summer features a dozen Hollywood-licensed games, up from nine last year.

"As we saw last year with both Activision's Spider-Man 3 and Transformers games, consumers bought these titles throughout the

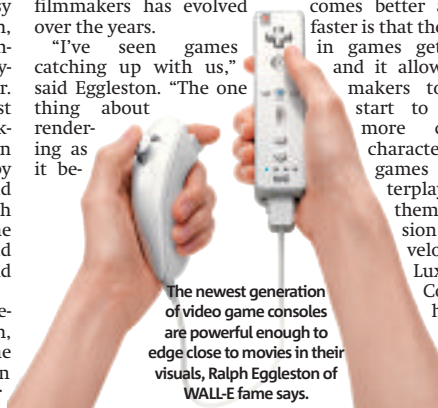
summer and into the busy holiday shopping season, which is one of the advantages of acquiring a Hollywood license," said Taylor.

Disney/Pixar's newest computer-generated blockbuster, WALL-E, has been developed into a game by Heavy Iron Studios and published by THQ with players able to control the robot stars, WALL-E and Eve, in adventures beyond the two-hour film.

The film's production designer, Ralph Eggleston, said he's watched as the collaboration between game makers and Pixar

filmmakers has evolved over the years.

"I've seen games catching up with us," said Eggleston. "The one thing about rendering as it be-



The newest generation of video game consoles are powerful enough to edge close to movies in their visuals, Ralph Eggleston of WALL-E fame says.

comes better and the faster is that the images in games get better

and it allows game makers to really start to involve more complex characters in games and interplay with them." Activision and developer Luxoflux Corp. have brought

DreamWorks' Kung Fu Panda to all gaming platforms.

There are 13 levels of gameplay that allow players to work together or take control of Po the Panda, his teacher Shifu, and the legendary kung fu masters, the Furious Five, to take matters into their own hands.

Comic book fans get a double dose of Hellboy this summer from Oscar-winning director Guillermo del Toro.

In addition to his new movie, Hellboy II: The Golden Army from Univer-

sal Pictures, del Toro collaborated with Hellboy comic creator Mike Mignola and Konami Digital Entertainment on the new Hellboy: Science of Evil game for Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and PSP.

"If you go and play the game you'll find it's a world that complements the comics and the movie, but it's its own universe," said del Toro. "It has really great creatures and great gameplay. I think people will find a continuity in the style of the design and the voices of the characters."

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Tip of the day: It's a healthy thing now and again to hang a question mark on the things you have long taken for granted.
— Bertrand Russell, quoted by Peter Potter

Mariah Carey has hit out at the media over reports she is planning a \$4 million wedding ceremony to celebrate her marriage to Nick Cannon. Carey has since denied they will be hosting a bigger ceremony and has now criticized the press for spreading the stories. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Brinkley, ex strike a deal

COURTS Christie Brinkley and her estranged husband Peter Cook have reached a settlement in their divorce trial, **imdb.com** reports.

After eight days of high drama in a New York court, the former couple finally agreed on the terms of child custody and division of assets yesterday, following all-night talks at a Manhattan hotel.

The settlement gives Brinkley sole custody of the pair's two children — Jack, 13, and Sailor, 10 — but allows Cook “ample parenting time”.

The former supermodel has also

been awarded all real estate holdings, while Cook walks away with a \$2.1 million pay off.

Brinkley and Cook's lawyers and their children's law guardian began talks on Wednesday evening in the hope of bringing their high-profile divorce to a close.

Over the course of the trial, testimony included revelations of Cook's affair with teenager Diana Bianchi and his alleged \$3,000 monthly porn habit.

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Madge A-Rod's soulmate?

ROMANCE Alex Rodriguez allegedly confessed his love for Madonna at the beginning of this year, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports.

The New York Yankees baseball star — whose close relationship with the singer is a factor in his recent split from wife Cynthia, her lawyers claim — told a pal he was besotted with Madonna as they had dinner at a restaurant in January, during which Alex spent most of the evening texting her.

His friend told *Us Weekly* magazine: “He kept smiling, acting as if he was a little kid. He told me it was Madonna he was texting. I was shocked. He pro-

ceeded to say he was in love with her. I thought he was kidding but he wasn't.”



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Just a few weeks after the dinner, Alex — who has two children with estranged wife Cynthia — confirmed how much he had fallen for Madonna, telling the same friend: “She's my f***ing soulmate.”

Madonna — whose own marriage to director Guy Ritchie is allegedly on the brink of collapse — has previously denied any involvement with the sportsman, insisting they are just friends.



Biel not hungry for wedding vows

FAMILY Jessica Biel says her life will be fine even if she doesn't walk down the aisle one day, **usmagazine.com** reports. “The actual idea of signing those papers and doing all this stuff ... I've never been someone who's like, ‘I have to, have to, have to have it,’” the actress, 26, says in *Harper's Bazaar*. Though she doesn't mention beau Justin Timberlake's name, she adds, “the idea of being with somebody I care about, who's my soul mate, that sounds groovy.”

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celebrity brief

Aniston denies love letter find

RELATIONSHIP John Mayer's girlfriend Jennifer Aniston has blasted rumours that she discovered “a batch” of love letters from the rocker's ex Jessica Simpson, dismissing the claims as false, **imdb.com** reports. The former *Friends* actress, who became romantically linked to

Mayer earlier this year, was said to have found the notes in the singer's guitar case, reports the New York Post's gossip column Page Six.

A source tells the publication, “Jennifer was more hurt than angry at the discovery. The letters surprisingly were very touching and well written.” But Aniston's representative insists the story is “completely fabricated”.

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Pamela confirms reunion with ex

DIVORCED Pamela Anderson has confirmed she and ex-husband Tommy Lee are back together, insisting they make a “great package,” **imdb.com** reports. Anderson was married to the Motley Crue rocker for three years until they split in 1998. But they have spent more and more time together recently, and Lee recently claimed his ex and their two sons had moved back in with him — and were trying to be a happy family.

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Moore blasts popular Botox use

SURGERY Actress Julianne Moore is baffled as to why women undergo Botox injections, because they make little difference to their appearance, **imdb.com** reports.

The *Forgotten* star, 47, is not a fan of the face-freezing cosmetic treatment.

She says, “I don't know why women do Botox. It doesn't make them look younger, it just makes them look like they had

work done.

“You are not going to look the same as you did at 25. What are you going to do about it?”

However, Moore admits she understands the pressures of fame, adding: “It's hard for actresses. Our faces get to be blown up 50 feet wide, and you see stuff that otherwise you wouldn't. People freak out.”

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Tom sends Kidman flowers for baby

CONGRATULATIONS

Tom Cruise sent Nicole Kidman “a room full of flowers” to congratulate her on the birth of her baby, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports. The actress delivered her first biological child on Monday and her ex-

husband was one of the first to get in touch to pass on good wishes to her and husband Keith Urban.

“Tom was one of the first people to get in touch and he sent her enough flowers to fill a room,” a source said.

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celebrity brief

Fiancé denying break with Fox

RUMOUR Brian Austin Green says everything's going great with fiancée Megan Fox, **usmagazine.com** reports. (London's *Daily Star* reported that Fox, 22, called off her engagement to the former 90210 star after realizing “she's too young to marry him.”) “We're solid,” Green, 34, says in the new issue of *TV Guide*. “We've lived together for three years. We have tattoos

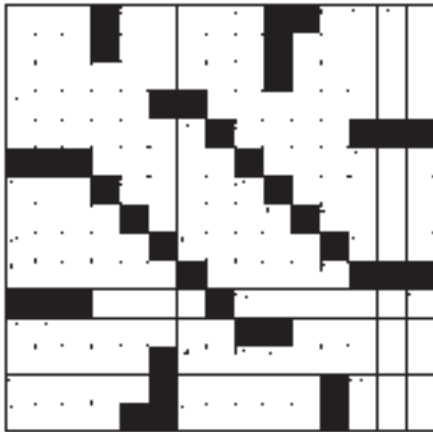
of each other's names.”

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Could Brad Pitt be headlining Quentin Tarantino's next film?

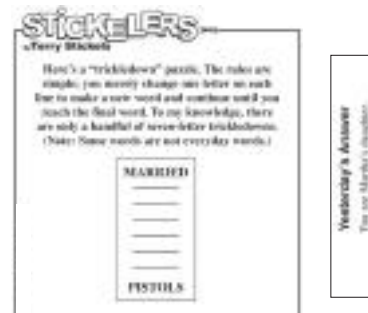
According to *DeadlineHollywoodDaily.com*, the director, 45, is in talks with Pitt, 44, to star in his next film, the World War II action tale *Inglorious Bastards*. **METRO**

**Take Five****Crossword across**

- 1 Horror-flick street
- 4 Kind of ray
- 9 Nerve network
- 13 Proper, as respect
- 14 Convoy chaser (hyph.)
- 15 NBA coach Pat —
- 16 Complex
- 18 Spry
- 19 Gem measure
- 20 Like a small appliance
- 22 Pac-10 team
- 25 Helena's loc.
- 26 Rodeo venue
- 28 Utter a threat against
- 32 Yo!
- 35 Riyadh resident
- 37 007's watch
- 38 With, to Henri
- 40 Juicy steak (hyph.)
- 42 Cross the creek
- 43 Artichoke morsel
- 45 Divide into shares
- 47 Jiffy
- 48 On solid ground
- 50 Seer's deck
- 52 Thick mud
- 54 Feeblest
- 58 Blizzard result
- 62 Contributor
- 63 Flood barrier
- 64 Branch of medicine
- 67 Ph.D. exams
- 68 Have one's say
- 69 Lo — graphics
- 70 Cotton pod
- 71 Shrivels, as flowers
- 72 Part of i.e.

This day in history

- JULY 11, 1750: Halifax almost completely destroyed by fire.
- JULY 11, 1859: A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens is published.
- JULY 11, 1914: Babe Ruth debuts in Major League Baseball.
- JULY 11, 1944: Franklin D. Roosevelt says he will run for a fourth term as President of the United States.
- JULY 11, 1960: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee is first published.
- JULY 11, 2006: In Mumbai, India 209 people are killed in a series of bomb attacks.

**Crossword down**

- 1 Royal decree
- 2 Moon-based
- 3 Part of MGM
- 4 Bunkhouse strings
- 5 The rudiments
- 6 Extinct bird
- 7 Trig or geom.
- 8 Varsity (hyph.)
- 9 Even as we speak (2 wds.)
- 10 Newsman — Abel
- 11 Narrate
- 12 Watched
- 15 Gilda of "SNL"
- 17 Hindu prince
- 21 — de plume
- 23 Well-groomed
- 24 Ignores socially
- 27 Vote to accept
- 29 Woeful cry
- 30 Surrender territory
- 31 Board mem.
- 32 Tee-hee cousin (hyph.)
- 33 Festive nights
- 34 Uh-huh
- 36 Wife's sister (hyph.)
- 39 Charles II's predecessor
- 41 Dublin's land
- 44 Large families
- 46 Sycophants
- 49 Big Band —
- 51 Round stoppers
- 53 Donate of income
- 55 — nous (between us)
- 56 Blisters
- 57 Lovers' meeting
- 58 Litterbug
- 59 Pianist Peter —
- 60 Face shape
- 61 French Legion headgear
- 65 Having no value
- 66 It moves mountains

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Horoscopes**AVATAR VENUS****ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

A guilty man will admit to his transgression. Showing disrespect will be catastrophic. An unusual experiment is taking place.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

A friend will find it difficult to contact you. Be lenient with those who lack defenders. Don't get mad when you explain the rules.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

You are someone's good luck charm. Don't lose your temper at noon. A woman will complain about her weight gain.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

A comment is misunderstood by a fool. Prepare for dramatic moments. You'll change your mind about a tight money situation.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

You're even more attractive than usual. A woman is upset over details. A generous friend offers nurturing.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

History repeats itself. Your personality might provoke a quarrel at home. Nasty moments can be avoided by not reacting.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Avoid decision-making in the morning. Let someone else make corrections. Problems with a vegetarian lead to turmoil.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

An answer comes in a dream. A meeting with a soul mate is possible. Laughter ends the day on a high note.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Bad news about the future can be ignored. Make changes in a faltering relationship. A friend will be super moody.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

Keep your temper in check if you're hypersensitive. Don't waste your wit on sarcastic people. A staff romance hits the skids.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Wear down your opposition with a smile. Things start working out for the best. Emotional depths are being plumbed.

PISCES**FEB 19-MAR 20**

Someone's problems will interfere with a departure. Don't tease a friend about their living conditions. Start exercising your brain more.

Sudoku**INSTRUCTIONS:**

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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3	8	4	9	1	5	7	6	2
9	1	7	6	3	2	8	5	4

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Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar
17-21 Smart

21-25 Not bad
25+ Keep practicing

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